

MIDTERM REVIEW GUIDE

CONGRESSIONAL AIDE

Define the following terms. Your definition should be written in your own words and should be a complete sentence. Whenever possible, please go on to list important characteristics and/or examples of the terms.

- State
- Unitary
- Confederalism
- Federalism
- Social Contract
- Limited Government
- Separation of Powers
- Checks and Balances
- Term
- Session
- Bureaucracy
- Executive Agreement
- Income Taxes
- Jurisdiction

US CITIZEN

Please make sure you are writing in complete sentences as you respond to the following. For 'identify' you simply need to mention the characteristics, but the more information you add the better.

- Identify the major demographics of members of Congress.
- Identify the major roles of members of Congress play.
- Identify the major ideals of Declaration of Independence.
- Identify the major liberties included in the Bill of Rights, and discuss the relationship between the writing of the US Constitution and the writing of the Bill of Rights.

For 'describe' or 'discuss' you need to get into greater details; meaning some of your responses might be two or more sentences.

- Describe three of the major purposes of government
- Describe the major features of the Virginia Plan
- Describe the historical details of the case *Marbury v Madison* and discuss the impact of the ruling.
- Describe the amendment process as outlined in the US Constitution.
- Describe the major features and impact of Full Faith & Credit Clause in the US Constitution.
- Describe the major features and impact of Necessary & Proper Clause in the US Constitution.
- Discuss the goals of the Philadelphia Convention
- Discuss the major responsibilities of Secretaries of State, Defense and Treasury. Make sure you know when these departments were first created.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

For this section you are evaluating different ideas.

- Identify the three of the major weaknesses of Articles of Confederation and describe how the US Constitution "fixed" those weaknesses.

- Create a Venn Diagram showing federalism. Your diagram should include the expressed powers, concurrent powers and reserved powers. You should identify three to five powers for each.

- Create a Venn Diagram of the US House of Representatives and the US Senate. You should identify the qualifications, differences in elections, leadership, powers.

EXPERIENCED POLITICO

For this section you are analyzing different ideas, making connections between these ideas.

- Create a diagram of the Federal Government showing the various checks and balances each branch has upon the other branches. Please be as specific as possible.

- Create a diagram detailing how a bill becomes a law. You need to start with writing of the bill, talk about committees, floor action and what happens if the bill passes Congress.

- Create a diagram showing the structure of the Federal Court system. Your diagram should indicate the appellate process.

ELDER STATESMAN

Write a Self-Test Question about a key topic/concept from this semester. Your question should require a sentence answer. After you have written the question, write an answer to the question.

Create a Help Wanted Ad for the US President. Your ad should include job title, job responsibilities/powers, job requirements and job benefits.

Write a short story where you describe what would happen if the President of the US dies or becomes incapacitate.