**A.P. Government Shower Curtain Exam Review**

*A proper and thorough review of our entire course is necessary if you intend to pass this exam and earn the college credit. To facilitate this, we are usingthe “shower curtain review method” as a method to encourage direct and meaningful engagement with all of the key concepts that will be assessed on the exam.*

**Finished Shower Curtain Due Date:** WednesdayDecember 18th

***If your shower curtain is not turned in on or before this date you will not be exempted from the exam period.***

This assignment will function as the final assessment grade for the second nine weeks. Completion of the shower curtain will be used as your final exam grade.

Grade 1: Turning in your compiled answers/materials **60 points (2nd Nine Weeks Grade)**

Grade 2: Draft of your shower curtain **30 points (2nd Nine Weeks Grade)**

Grade 3: Final shower curtain **100 points (Final Exam Grade)**

***Suggestions for Efficient and Review-Effective Completion:***

**DIRECTIONS**

* You will be provided a single, clear 70x71in. shower curtain that you are to use to create a single, large review sheet **showcasing the most highly assessed course concepts/information** from each course unit
* How you **divide** and organize **your shower curtain** is up to you, though past submissions have largely focused around the creative division of the shower curtain into sections for each course topic.
* Your **notes** and previously completed study guides will be a good resource you through the research stage, and your AMSCO can be used to look up missing information.
* Each of the SEVENTEEN sections must **feature at least one artistic element**. Examples could include:
	+ *Graphics (charts, visual depictions, etc.) to represent complex relationships/topics. Your textbook would be a great source for these sorts of visuals.*
	+ *Attractive lettering*
	+ *Illustrations*
* To obtain your shower curtain you must **first show your draft** (legal paper will be provided for the purpose) the more detailed your draft the better feedback you will get before you start the actual shower curtain.
* Write **small and as legibly** as possible on the curtain. If done neatly, this will make an excellent visual by which to study in the days leading up to the test.
* **Do NOT divide your shower curtain into 17 equally sized sections**. Some sections will be larger and smaller than others, and you are advised to add each section as your complete it.
* Use **different colored sharpies** to represent specific information (previously assessed concepts, vocab, etc.)
* Work on your curtain a little bit at home each night. **If chipped away at, it will never feel like a huge deal.**

**REQUIRED INFORMATION TO BE FEATURED IN EACH SECTION**

1. **Pathway to the Constitution**
	1. Philosophical Background
	2. Weaknesses of the Articles
	3. Road to Ratification/Key Compromises
	4. How to amend
2. **Federalism**
	1. Types of Federalism
	2. Historical progression
	3. Grants
3. **Checks & Balances**
	1. Difference between separation of powers/checks and balances
	2. Presidency 🡪 Congress
	3. Congress 🡪 Presidency
	4. Courts 🡪 Presidency & Congress
	5. Congress 🡪 Courts
	6. Presidency 🡪 Courts
	7. Power of the bureaucracy to check
4. **Public Opinion**
	1. Polling (methodology, pros/cons)
	2. Political socialization
	3. Methods of political participation
5. **Road to Nomination**
	1. Campaign
	2. Primaries/Caucus
	3. Nomination
	4. Party conventions
6. **Elections**
	1. Census & Electoral College
	2. Gerrymandering/Malapportionment
	3. Important election laws particularly campaign finance.
7. **Political Parties**
	1. Historical development
	2. Role & Organization
8. **Role of the Media**
	1. Three functions
	2. How it is used by Executive and Congress
	3. Impact on public opinion
9. **Interest Groups**
	1. Theories of politics (Pluralism, Hyperpluralism, Elitism)
	2. Role of interest groups
	3. Methods of influencing government
10. **Civil Liberties & Civil Rights**
	1. Difference between the two
	2. Bill of Rights Explained
	3. Key Constitutional Amendments (other than 1-10)
	4. Critical civil rights legislation
11. **Congress**
	1. Organization (be specific about differences between chambers)
	2. Key Figures/Leadership
	3. How a bill becomes a law
	4. Service to constituents
	5. Advantages of Incumbency
12. **The Presidency**
	1. Powers of President (formal vs informal)
	2. Roles of President
	3. War Powers Resolution
13. **The Bureaucracy**
	1. Types of bureaucratic agencies and their roles
	2. Iron triangles
	3. Key agencies and role (can be in the form of examples for part a)
14. **The Budget**
	1. Steps of the budgetary process
	2. Breakdown of budgetary spending (mandatory vs discretionary)
	3. Budgetary trends
15. **Federal Courts**
	1. Structure of judicial system
	2. Key judicial players & traditional backgrounds
	3. Impact on policy making process
	4. Principle of judicial review
	5. Judicial activism vs. restraint
16. **Required Court Cases (15)**
	1. Name and Year of Each
	2. One sentence summary of each
17. **Required Foundational Documents (9)**
	1. Name
	2. One sentence summary of each