

## AP Exam Preparation

Listed below are key concepts/topics from the multiple-choice section of all released AP exams.

1. 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment
2. Amending the Constitution
3. American with Disabilities Act
4. amicus curiae briefs
5. Articles of Confederation vs. Constitution
6. Best budget predictor
7. Block grants and federalism
8. Brown vs. Board of Education
9. Bureaucratic advantage over president
10. Candidate centered campaigns
11. Categorical grants in aid
12. Changes in presidential election processes (since 1960)
13. Chart/graph reading and interpretation
14. Checks & balances
15. Civil Rights Act of 1964
16. Civil rights of the 1950s
17. Civil War amendments – purpose
18. Clear and present danger
19. Closed rule
20. Cloture motion (Senate)
21. Commerce clause
22. Committee chair power
23. Common criteria when voting for presidential candidates
24. Common political activities of citizens
25. Conference committee
26. Congressional Committee system
27. Congressional Incumbency advantage
28. Congressional oversight (example)
29. Congressional oversight of bureaucracy
30. Congressional power
31. Congressional response to Supreme Court ruling.
32. Congressional standing committees
33. Constituent service communication
34. Constituent services – maximize how?
35. Constitution-govt. authority divided across political institutions
36. Cooperative federalism
37. Core value of US political culture
38. Corporate lobbyist – how does he influence?
39. Creating new federal courts
40. Critical elections
41. Death penalty rulings
42. Delegates to major party conventions
43. Demographics of delegates to presidential nomination conventions.
44. Demographics of Democratic voters
45. Devolution
46. Difference between political parties and interest groups
47. Differences between House and Senate
48. Direct primaries vs. convention system
49. District court vs. appellate court
50. Divided government consequences – confirmation delays
51. Divided party control of presidency & congress
52. Doctrine of original intent
53. Drawing congressional districts
54. Due Process
55. Electoral behavior in the US
56. Electoral college
57. Elite & pluralist theories of politics
58. Entitlement spending
59. Establishment clause
60. Exclusionary rule
61. Executive agreement
62. Federal Budget entitlements (entitlement spending)
63. Federal election laws
64. Federal govt does not regulate negative advertising
65. Federal Grants-in-Aid
66. Federal judge nominees
67. Federal judges
68. Federal Reserve Board
69. Federal system of government
70. Federalism
71. Federalist No. 10
72. First Amendment
73. Fiscal federalism & cooperative federalism
74. Foreign policy deference
75. Fourteenth Amendment
76. Framers' creation of legislative branch
77. Framers' view of primary functions of government.
78. Framers' intent of economic powers
79. Franking privilege
80. Free exercise clause
81. Free Speech & assembly
82. Freedom of Information Act
83. Gerrymandering
84. Griswold v. Connecticut & Roe v. Wade
85. Gitlow v. NY & NY Times v. Sullivan
86. Group voting tendencies
87. Horse-race journalism
88. House & Senate differences in legislative process
89. House of Representatives elections
90. How do lobbyists try to influence legislators?
91. Impeachment process
92. Imprisonment without Trial
93. Incorporation doctrine (selective incorporation)
94. Incumbency reelection rate
95. Independent regulatory agencies & separation of powers
96. Independent regulatory commissions

97. *Individual senators influence over legislative process*
98. *Influence of news media on public opinion*
99. *Influence on voters in presidential election*
100. *Influences on Republican Party Platform*
101. *Interest group activities*
102. *Interest group coalition building*
103. *Interest groups & political party roles.*
104. *Interest groups greatest influence*
105. *Iron triangles*
106. *Judicial activism*
107. *Judicial restraint*
108. *Judicial review – Marbury v. Madison*
109. *Labor union’s legal activity*
110. *Lasting influence of Supreme Court appointments*
111. *Latino vote*
112. *Leading predictor of how people vote*
113. *Legislative & Executive Branch checks & balances*
114. *Legislative oversight*
115. *Legislative process*
116. *Legislative veto*
117. *Liberals & conservatives*
118. *Line item veto*
119. *Main debate b/n Federalists & Anti-Federalists*
120. *Main reason for two major political parties in US*
121. *Make-up of Congress (race, gender)*
122. *McCulloch v. Maryland*
123. *Media political coverage of presidential campaigns*
124. *Miranda v. Arizona*
125. *Most bills die where?*
126. *Motor Voter law*
127. *New Deal coalition members*
128. *News media ownership concentration*
129. *Office of Management & Budget*
130. *One person, one vote*
131. *Open vs. closed primary*
132. *PACs*
133. *Partisanship & voting*
134. *Party identification & voting behavior*
135. *Persistence of two-party system*
136. *Plea bargaining*
137. *Plessy v. Ferguson*
138. *Pluralist theory*
139. *Plurality election*
140. *Plurality vote results in presidential elections*
141. *Pocket veto*
142. *Political Action Committees (PACs)*
143. *Political efficacy*
144. *Political factions (Federalist Papers)*
145. *Political participation*
146. *Political parties - voter identification*
147. *Political parties not in Constitution*
148. *Political socialization*
149. *Pork barrel legislation*
150. *Position of Supreme Court on free speech*
151. *Power of federal bureaucracy*
152. *Power of the federal courts*
153. *President impounding funds*
154. *Presidential approval ratings*
155. *Presidential cabinet*
156. *Presidential difficulty controlling bureaucracy*
157. *Presidential influence on/persuasion of Congress*
158. *Presidential influence on federal judiciary*
159. *Presidential nominating process*
160. *Presidential powers*
161. *Presidential roles authorized by the Constitution*
162. *Presidential use of inherent powers*
163. *Presidential Veto*
164. *Primary elections*
165. *Primary formal role of the attorney general*
166. *Protection of legal rights for women*
167. *Public financing of elections*
168. *Reasons for low voter turnout*
169. *Reserved powers of state governments*
170. *Results of appealing case to Supreme Court*
171. *Revenue bill originate in which body?*
172. *Rise of interest groups*
173. *Roe v. Wade*
174. *Rule & Procedures of House & Senate*
175. *Rule of Four*
176. *Rules Committee*
177. *Selecting a vice-president*
178. *Selection of Supreme Court caseload*
179. *Selective incorporation (incorporation doctrine)*
180. *Senate confirmation process*
181. *Seniority system*
182. *Separate but equal*
183. *Separation of church and state*
184. *Shay's Rebellion*
185. *Single-member plurality districts*
186. *Socioeconomic status and political participation*
187. *Speaker of the House*
188. *Split ticket*
189. *Stare decisis*
190. *Sub-Committee works out...*
191. *Supreme Court and public opinion - relationship*
192. *Supreme Court Caseload*
193. *Supreme Court interpretation of free speech*
194. *Supreme Court justice tenure*
195. *Supreme Court justices background*
196. *Supreme Court nomination process*
197. *Targets of lobbying*
198. *Tenth Amendment*

199. *Trends in Presidential Elections in the 1980s*
200. *Trust in government over time*
201. *Two major political party organization*
202. *Uncontrollable spending in federal budget*
203. *Unfunded mandates*
204. *U.S. v. Nixon*
205. *Use of executive orders*
206. *Voter demographics in presidential primary elections*
207. *Voter turnout rate*
208. *Voting behavior*
209. *Voting by 18-21 year olds*
210. *Voting eligibility decided by states*
211. *Voting patterns*
212. *Voting Rights Act of 1965*
213. *War Powers Resolution*
214. *Warren Court*
215. *Ways and Means Committee*
216. *What if no candidate earns majority of E.C. vote?*
217. *White House staff*
218. *Who can maintain national lobbying organizations?*
219. *Who do voters directly elect?*
220. *Writs of certiorari*