



AP U.S. Government and Politics

Unit IV Review – Institutions of National Government

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Section:

Directions: Use the questions below as a review of the main concepts from Unit III: The Institutions of National Government. This review will help you prepare for the upcoming test on the principles of the units.

Section 1: The Executive Branch

1. What is the nature and function of the Bureaucracy of the US government?
2. How is the bureaucracy organized? How are civil servants hired/appointed?
3. What challenges does the bureaucracy face?
4. How are bureaucrats involved with policymaking?
5. Who can become President?
6. How is the President elected (electoral college)?
7. What roles does the President serve in?
8. What powers does the President have and do you think the President overreaches that power?
9. What are the roles of the cabinet and the Executive Office of the President?
10. What is the role of the Vice President?

Section 2: The Legislative Branch

1. What is the nature and functions of Congress?

2. What are the powers of Congress?
3. What is the difference between the House and the Senate?
4. How are congress-people elected?
5. How are representatives apportioned?
6. How are committees structured?
7. Who leads the House and Senate?
8. How is the budget decided?
9. How does a bill become a law?

Section 3: The Judicial Branch

1. What are the sources of American law?
2. What is the hierarchy of courts, from the local level to the federal level?
3. How do different courts work together and what is the role of each (district court, appellate court, supreme court, etc.)?
4. Which cases reach the Supreme Court?

5. How are Federal judges selected?

6. What is the relationship between the Supreme Court and policymaking?

7. What checks do the other branches have on the court?