

Unit 1

Vocab:

Term	Definition
Government	
Popular Sovereignty	
Federalism	
Democratic Republic	
Confederacy	
Direct Democracy	
Anarchy	

1. What did the Declaration of Independence do, and who authored it?
2. What are the four characteristics of a state?
3. Who was John Locke?
4. Who was the Father of the Constitution?
5. In the minds of the Framers of the Constitution, who should have the right to vote?
6. Explain the differences between Federalists and Anti-Federalists.
7. According to the Anti-Federalists, what was missing from the Constitution?
8. List the main reasons why the Articles of Confederation failed.

9. What is the purpose of the Bill of Rights?

10. List the differences between the Virginia Plan and the Connecticut Compromise?

Unit 2

Vocab:

Term	Definition
Separation of Powers	
Concurrent Powers	
Delegated Powers	
Expressed Powers	
Inherent Powers	
Reserved Powers	
Implied Powers	
Checks and Balances	
Judicial Review	
Due Process	

11. What is the Bill of Rights whose rights does it protect?

12. What is the purpose of the Constitution?

13. How can Congress override a presidential veto?

14. List the three parts of the Constitution and explain what each step does?

15. List what each Article does:

Article I:

Article V:

Article II:

Article VI:

Article III:

Article VII:

Article IV:

16. What's another name for the "Necessary and Proper Clause?"

17. What was the social impact of the 19th Amendment?

18. Congress is a Bicameral Legislature; what does this mean?

19. How did the 21st Amendment affect the 18th Amendment?

20. What are some limits on the 1st Amendment?

21. How is the Constitution normally amended?

Unit 3

Terms:

Term	Definition
Redistricting	
Gerrymandering	
Constituents	
Bureaucracy	
Electoral College (aka the "winner-take-all system")	
A Civil Suit	
Executive Action	

22. What's the purpose of Committees in the Law making process?
23. What is the explanation for the Supreme Court's decision called?
24. Which branch of the government determines the number of Justices on the Supreme Court?
25. What are three levels of federal courts and what type jurisdiction does each have?
26. What are the qualifications for becoming President?
27. What are the qualifications for becoming a Senator?
28. What are the qualifications for becoming a Representative?
29. What is the formula to decide the number of electoral votes a state receives?
30. If the President appoints a Supreme Court Justice who have to confirm it?
31. Who are the presiding officers in the House of Representatives and the Senate?
32. Who is the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces?
33. Know the line of succession for the Presidency through the first 5 people
34. If the Vice President dies who appoints a new one?
35. List two checks the Congress has over the President?
36. What annual speech is given by the President to Congress every year?
37. Which type of court deals with Marriage laws?

Unit IV

Terms:

Term	Definition
(Party) Platform	
Moderates	
Liberals	
Conservatives	

- 38. Who tends to vote a straight party ticket?
- 39. Explain how the Democrats and Republicans view the role of Government in our lives.
- 40. What is Medicare and Medicaid and who would want to fund it more, liberals or conservatives?
- 41. If you're vote registered to vote, you may be called for _____.
- 42. What is another name for a third party?
- 43. Explain the characteristics of someone who tends to vote Democratic. Republican?

Unit 5

Terms:

Term	Definition
General Assembly	
Governor	

- 44. How would you become Treasurer or Governor in Illinois?
- 45. How is becoming a state judge in Illinois different than becoming a Federal Judge?