

Government Study Guide

General Terms

1. Popular Sovereignty
2. Separation of Powers
3. Federalism – delegated, concurrent and reserved powers
4. Separation of Church and State
5. Checks and Balances
6. John Locke

Legislative Branch

7. Constituents
8. Bill
9. Interest Group
10. Lobbyist
11. Congressional/Legislative District.
12. Speaker of the House
13. Majority Leader
14. Role of the Legislative Branch
15. Filibuster
16. House of Representatives organization and number of representatives
17. Senate organization and number of representatives
18. Requirements to hold office in the House and Senate
19. Powers given to congress
20. Limits on the powers of congress
21. In Congress the party with more members is called what?
22. Committees – what they do and how they make decisions
23. Describe How a Bill becomes a Law
24. Presiding officer for the House of Representatives
25. Presiding officer of the majority party in the Senate

Executive Branch

26. Foreign Policy
27. Domestic Policy
28. Cabinet
29. Item Veto
30. Role of the Executive Branch
31. Presidents limits on his terms in office
32. Qualifications for the President
33. President as Chief Executive
34. President Powers as commander in chief
35. President as chief diplomat
36. President checks the power of Congress
37. President check the power of the Judicial Branch
38. Executive office of the president
39. Heads of the Executive Departments
40. Cabinets and Executive department relationship
41. Item Veto

Judicial Branch

42. District Courts
43. Courts of Appeals/Circuit Courts
44. Supreme Court
45. Judicial Review
46. Precedent
47. Role of the Judicial Branch
48. Types of legal conflicts
49. Federal Courts and State Courts – function and relationship
50. Types of cases heard by federal courts
51. Number of District, Circuit and Supreme courts in the federal government
52. How the Supreme Court reaches a decision
53. Influences on Judicial Decision Making
54. Judicial Activism
55. Checks on the Judicial Branch
56. Primary function of the District and Circuit Courts

State Governments

57. Initiative
58. Recall
59. Referendum