

# Master Vocabulary List

## AP United States Government and Politics

### “Summer Work”

I highly suggest defining as many of the words as you feel possible inside of a spiral notebook, this will be required during the regular school year, you can get some extra credit, and a head start by completing Unit 1 now. (50pts) standards based assessment.

**Due Date - First day of AP Gov class.**

**Directions:** You are ultimately responsible for recording all of these vocabulary terms into the 3rd section of your notebook. Due dates for each unit will be announced and posted in the class. You must follow the format below including the highlighting and numbering to ensure that you are graded properly.

Terms should be defined in YOUR OWN WORDS, do not copy them directly from the quizlet or an online source or you will only receive partial credit. Many terms/models should ALSO be demonstrated visually.

Each term must be NUMBERED

Each term must be HIGHLIGHTED

Each term needs to SKIP A LINE in between

Make sure you are defining the term as it applies to our course, and time period of study.

Optional but recommended - Many students will benefit by providing an example associated with the term, this helps you to synthesis the information by applying it in another way.

Examples:

1. **Geography:** the study of the physical features of the earth and its atmosphere, and of human activity as it affects and is affected by these, including the distribution of populations and resources, land use, and industries.
2. **Human Geography:** The branch of geography dealing with how human activity affects or is influenced by the earth's surface.

#### Unit 1: Foundations of American Democracy (73 words)

Limited Government	Natural Rights	John Locke	Social Contract	Popular Sovereignty
The “Grand Committee”	Declaration of Independence	Articles of Confederation	Preamble	U.S. Constitution
Representative Democracy	Participatory Democracy	Pluralist Democracy	Elite Democracy	Federalist #10
Brutus #1	Federalists	Anti-Federalists	Central Government	Reserved Powers
Republic	Factions	Shay’s Rebellion	Virginia Plan	New Jersey Plan
Great (Connecticut) Compromise	Three-Fifths Compromise	Slave Trade Compromise	Ex post facto law	Bill of attainder
Electoral College	Article IV	Full Faith and Credit Clause	Privileges and Immunities Clause	Amendment Process

Article V	Article VI	Article VII	Ratification	Checks and Balances
Separation of Powers	Federalist #51	Tyranny of the majority	Multiple policy access points	Impeachment
Exclusive powers	Concurrent Powers	Federal Balance of Power	Dual Federalism	"Layer Cake" Federalism
Cooperative Federalism	"Marble Cake" Federalism	Fiscal Federalism	Grants	Incentives
Conditions-of-aid	Revenue Sharing	Mandates	Clean Air Act (1970)	Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)
Categorical Grants	Block Grants	Tenth Amendment	Commerce Clause	Necessary and Proper Clause
Enumerated Powers	Implied Powers	Inherent Powers	State Sovereignty	Supreme Court of the United States
Statute	McCulloch v. Maryland (1819)	United States v. Lopez (1995)		

### **Unit 2: Interactions Among Branches of Government (150 Terms)**

Institutions of Government	Article I	Bicameral	Constituency
Coalition-building	Revenue	Congressional Committee	Standing Committee
Select Committee	Conference Committee	Joint Committee	Speaker of the House
President of the Senate	President Pro Tempore	Majority Leader	Minority Leader
Majority Whip	Minority Whip	Committee Chairperson	Filibuster
Cloture	Quorum	Hold	Unanimous consent
Rules Committee	Committee of the Whole	Discharge Petition	Treaty Ratification
Discretionary Spending	Mandatory Spending	Entitlements	Social Security
Medicare	Medicaid	Budget Deficit	Pork Barrel Legislation
Earmarks	Riders	Omnibus Bill	Logrolling
Franking Privilege	Partisanship	Divided Government	Ideological Division
Gridlock	Gerrymandering	Packing	Cracking
Reapportionment	Census	Redistricting	Safe Seat
Marginal Seat	Baker v. Carr (1961)	"One person, One vote"	Racial Gerrymandering
Shaw v. Reno (1993)	Article II	"Lame Duck" President	"Trustee" Role
"Delegate" Role	"Partisan" Role	"Politico" Role	Policy Agenda
Formal Presidential Powers	Informal Presidential Powers	Veto	Congressional Override
Pocket Veto	Commander in Chief	Executive Agreement	Executive Order
Executive privilege	Signing statements	The Cabinet	Ambassadors

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White House Staff	"Advice and Consent" Power	"Good behavior" clause	Article III
Federalist #70	"Lame Duck" period	Twentieth Amendment	Twenty-Second Amendment
Twenty-Fifth Amendment	State of the Union Address	Honeymoon Period	Bully Pulpit
Judicial Review	Federalist #78	Marbury vs. Madison (1803)	Precedent
Stare Decisis	Judicial Activism	Judicial Restraint	Strict Constructionism
Loose Constructionism	Jurisdiction	Original Jurisdiction	Appellate Jurisdiction
Concurrent Jurisdiction	Federal bureaucracy	Departments	Agencies
Commissions	Government Corporations	Regulations	"Iron Triangles"
Issue Networks	Patronage	Spoils System	Political Machine
Civil Service System	Merit System	Pendleton Civil Service Act (1883)	Hatch Act (1939)
Office of Personnel Management (OPM)	Discretionary Authority	Rule-Making	Red tape
Bureaucratic implementation	Department of State	Department of the Treasury	Department of Defense
Department of Justice	Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)	Department of Homeland Security	Department of Transportation
Department of Veterans Affairs	Department of Education	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Federal Elections Commission (FEC)
Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)	AMTRAK	U.S. Postal Service	NASA
National Security Council (NSC)	Office of Management and Budget (OMB)	Congressional Budget Office (CBO)	White House Chief of Staff
White House Press Secretary	White House Office	Congressional Oversight	Committee Hearings
Power of the Purse	Congressional Appropriation	Congressional Authorization	Compliance Monitoring
War Powers Act (1973)	Imperial Presidency		

### **Unit 3: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights (77 Terms)**

Bill of Rights	Civil Liberties	Civil Rights	Arbitrary
First Amendment	Second Amendment	Individual Liberty	Establishment Clause
Free Exercise Clause	Wall of Separation	Secular	Majoritarian
Engel v. vitale (1962)	Wisconsin v. Yoder (1972)	Tinker v. Des Moines (1969)	Symbolic Speech
Social Order	Time, place, and manner regulations	Defamation	Libel
Slander	Obscenity	Hate Speech	Schenck v. United States (1919)
"Clear and Present Danger" test	New York Times Co. v. United States (1971)	Prior restraint	National Security

Eighth Amendment	Cruel and Unusual Punishment	Death Penalty	Fourth Amendment
Telecommunication Metadata	Selective incorporation	Fourteenth Amendment	Infringement
McDonald v. Chicago (2010)	Right to keep and bear arms	Miranda Rule	Fifth Amendment
Sixth Amendment	Due Process Rights	Writ of habeas Corpus	Public Safety Exception
Unwarned interrogation	Unreasonable search and seizure	Right to counsel	Speedy and Public Trial
Impartial Jury	Search Warrant	Patriot Act	USA Freedom Act
Due Process Clause	Equal Protection Clause	Gideon v. Wainwright (1963)	Exclusionary Rule
Right to privacy	Roe v. Wade (1973)	Compelling state interest	Constitutional Provision
Social Movement	"Letter from a Birmingham Jail"	Civil Rights Movement	Women's Rights Movement
National Organization for Women (NOW)	Pro-Life Movement	Pro-Choice Movement	Citizen-State Interactions
Brown v. Board of Education (1954)	The Civil Rights Act of 1964	Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972	The Voting Rights Act of 1965
Supreme Court Holding	"Separate but equal" doctrine	Majority-minority districting	Affirmative Action
Racial Classification			

#### **Unit 4: American Political Ideologies and Beliefs (44 Terms)**

Demographics	Political Culture	Political Socialization	Core Values
Individualism	Equality of Opportunity	Free Enterprise	Rule of Law
Globalization	Scientific Polling	Public Opinion Polls	Opinion Polls
Benchmark Polls	Tracking Polls	Entrance Polls	Exit Polls
Push Polls	Polling Universe	Random Sample	Representative Sample
Mass Survey	Focus Group	Sampling Error	Reliability of Data
Veracity of Data	Political Ideologies	Political Spectrum	Liberal Ideology
Conservative ideology	Moderate	Political Polarization	Democratic Party
Republican Party	Regulation of the Marketplace	Libertarian Ideology	Property Rights
Voluntary trade	Keynesian Economic Policies	Supply-side Economic policies	Monetary policy
Fiscal Policy	Federal Reserve Board	Social Equality	Economic Equality

#### **Unit 5: Political Participation (104 Terms)**

Political Participation	Suffrage	Political Efficacy	Fifteenth Amendment
Seventeenth Amendment	Nineteenth Amendment	Twenty-Fourth Amendment	Twenty-Sixth Amendment
Rational-choice voting	Retrospective voting	Prospective voting	Party-line voting
Voter Turnout	Structural barriers to voting	Grandfather Clause	Literacy Test

Poll Tax	White Primary	Voter Registration Laws	Mid-term (Congressional) elections
Presidential elections	Referendum	Recall	Initiative
Precinct	Civic Engagement	Ideological Orientation	Contemporary political issues
Religious affiliation	Political Parties	Interest Groups	Linkage Institutions
Electorate	Voter Mobilization	Invisible Primary	Iowa Caucuses
New Hampshire Primary	Swing States	Plurality	Majority
Front-loading	Retail Politics	Party Platforms	Party Chairperson
Delegate	Superdelegate	Coattail effect	Candidate recruitment
Campaign Management	Media Strategy	Critical Elections	Realignment
Dealignment	Third-party candidate	Independent Candidate	“Spoiler” role
Faithless elector	Proportional voting system	Single-member district	Winner-take-all voting system
Drafting of legislation	Mobilization of membership “Free Rider” problem	Political Actors	Single-issue groups
Public Interest groups	Lobbying	Grassroots lobbying	Amicus curiae briefs
Revolving door	Professional organizations	Incumbency advantage	Open Primaries
Closed Primaries	Caucuses	Party Conventions	National Popular Vote
Professional campaign consultants	Election Cycle	Case Law	War Chest
Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002	Soft Money	Hard Money	Dark Money
Attack Ads	Issue Ads	Independent expenditures	“Stand by your Ad” provision
Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission (2010)	Political Action Committees (PACs)	SuperPACs	527 groups
501(c)3s	501(c)4s	Horserace journalism	Gatekeeper
Scorekeeper	Watchdog	Media Bias	Ideologically oriented programming
Consumer-driven media outlets	News source and information credibility	Sound bite	Adversarial press

**448 Terms Total**