

## **AP Government Midterm Review**

*Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.*

1. Define, in your own words, the following terms:
  - a. Authority, bureaucrats, democracy, direct democracy, representative democracy, elite, legitimacy, power, representative democracy, antifederalists, bill of attainder, checks and balances, coalition, ex post facto law, faction, federalism, judicial review, republic, separation of powers, writ of habeas corpus, block grant, categorical grant, devolution, dual federalism, initiative, mandates, nullification, necessary and proper clause, civic duty, external efficacy, internal efficacy, orthodox, progressive, conservative, liberal, populist, libertarian, random sample, grandfather clause, literacy test, motor-voter bill, poll tax, caucus, national party convention, plurality system, political party, solidary incentive, general election, incumbent, political action committee, primary election, prospective voting, realignment, retrospective voting, interest group, lobby, material incentive, social movement
2. Summarize the following Constitutional Amendments:
  - a. 10, 14, 15, 19, 24, 26
3. Contrast pure liberals and pure conservatives.
4. Describe how political elites differ from the average citizen.
5. Describe changes in voter turnout.
6. Outline the periods of party development and realignment.
7. Explain how/why political parties have lost power. Include institutions, actions, attitudes, etc.
8. Describe the two party system and explain why it exists.
9. Describe the role of minority parties.
10. Describe the role of interest groups in the political system.
11. Describe the role of PACs in the political system.
12. Explain the role of lobbyists in government.
13. Explain how our federal system works. Discuss relationship between different levels.

