**AP Government - First Semester - Final Exam Study Guide**

**Below are the chapters we have covered thus far. The bullet points are to guide you and trigger your memories. This is not everything we have covered in each chapter.**

Review the material I covered in the practice quizzes before each chapter test.

Review vocabulary for each chapter.

Remember that the questions on the Final will be taken from chapter tests this semester.

Supreme Court Cases – Marbury v. Madison, McCulloch v. Maryland, Gibbons v. Ogden, Dred Scott v. Sanford, Citizens United v. FEC

Chapter 1 – Constitutional Democracy

* Democracy – What it means.
* Our Founders and the beginning of our National concepts

Chapter 2 – The Constitution

* The parts of the Constitution – Preamble, Articles, Amendments
* Fundamental principles – Separation of powers, checks and balances etc….

Chapter 3 – Federalism

* Powers of Federal and State governments
* Different types of federalism

Chapter 4 – Political Culture and Ideology

* Ideology
* Liberalism, conservatism, moderates

Chapter 5 – American Political Landscape

* What makes us identify with a party? A candidate?
* Cleavages

Chapter 6 – Interest Groups

* Roles of Interest Groups, PACs
* Lobbyists and Lobbying

Chapter 7 - Political Parties

* Democrats and Republicans
* Positions of each party

Chapter 9 – Campaigns and Elections - Electoral College