**U.S. Government**

**End of Semester Study Guide**

The end of semester exam will cover material from the following chapters: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21. It is important to study notes taken during the semester as well as to use the textbook to identify the key terms and concepts on the study guide.

**Chapter 1:**

1. Characteristics of a State
2. Major Political Ideas: Force Theory, Evolutionary Theory, Divine Right Theory, Social Contract Theory
3. The Preamble
4. Forms of Government: Dictatorship, Direct Democracy, Indirect Democracy
5. Distribution of Power: Unitary, Confederal, Federal
6. Responsibilities and Duties of Citizenship

**Chapter 2:**

1. Magna Carta
2. Enlightenment Thinkers: Hobbes, Montesquieu, Locke, Rousseau
3. The causes of the American Revolution
4. The purpose and significance of the Declaration of Independence
5. The Articles of Confederation: Weaknesses
6. Purpose of the Constitutional Convention
7. Virginia Plan, New Jersey Plan, Great Compromise, Three-Fifths Compromise
8. Ratification Debates: Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists

**Chapter 3:**

1. Six Basic Principles of the Constitution
2. Constitution Scavenger Hunt: Articles I, II, III. Bill of Rights.

**Chapter 4:**

1. Federalism
2. Division of Powers
3. Delegated, Expressed, Implied, Inherent, Reserved, Concurrent Powers
4. Supremacy Clause

**Chapter 5:**

1. Purpose of a political party
2. 2 major parties
3. The difference between Democrats and Republicans
4. The American Political Spectrum

**Chapter 6:**

1. Voter Qualifications
2. Voter Behavior: Voters vs. Non-voters
3. Sociological Factors in Voting

**Chapter 7:**

1. The Nominating Process
2. How to Elect a President Flow Chart

**Chapter 10:**

1. Why a Bicameral Legislature?
2. The similarities and differences between the House and the Senate

**Chapter 11:**

1. Powers of Congress
2. Article I: Expressed Powers, Implied Powers

**Chapter 12:**

1. Congressional Webquest
2. Current Congressional Leadership

**Chapter 13:**

1. Presidential Roles
2. Presidential Succession
3. Electing a President
4. State of the Union Address
5. Pros and Cons of the Electoral College
6. Presidential Webquest
7. How a Bill Becomes Law: Role of Congress, President, Supreme Court

**Chapter 18:**

1. Types of Courts
2. Judicial Review
3. How the S.C. is Organized
4. How a case reaches the S.C.
5. Current S.C.

**Chapters 19, 20, 21**

1. First Amendment Freedoms
2. Due Process of Law
3. Equal Protection