

## Mid-Term Exam Review

The mid-term exam is comprised of 25 multiple-choice questions and 10 identifications. The 25 multiple choice questions will be combination of true/false and multiple choice. The identifications will be laws, phrases, court cases, names, or other terms relevant to the subjects we have been studying. For each term, you should provide a couple of sentences defining and explaining what the term means, and then a couple sentences explaining why it is significant. That is, tell me what it is or means, and why I should know about it to understand American politics. You should select five (5) of the ten (10) identifications to complete.

You will have 1 hour and 20 minutes to complete the exam once you start it. Once you have completed the exam, you may not stop and continue it later. You must complete it all at once, so make sure you have sufficient time set aside for it. The exam is intended to be taken without your notes, the recorded lectures, the textbook or other assigned reading, or anything else assisting you. That is, **it is closed-noted, closed-book.**

Anything from the textbook, lectures, and other readings are fair game for the exam. However, I would recommend paying particular attention to items that are covered in both the lectures and textbook. In addition to studying broadly, you want to make sure to focus attention to the following areas:

The collective action problem

How institutions and government solve or overcome the collective action problem

Leadup to the American revolution

Principles from British rule

The problems with the Articles of Confederation, and their result

The writing of the Constitution and necessity for various compromises

How the system of federalism is arranged in the US

Growth of national/federal government's power over time

Federalism's consequences

What civil liberties are and their sources

Incorporation of civil liberties

What civil rights are and their sources

History of Black and African Americans' struggle for civil rights

Civil and Voting Rights' Acts

How members of Congress are elected

The challenges members of Congress face in organizing Congress and how they overcome them

Consequences of Congressional system

Gerrymandering

The incumbent advantage