Government Final Study Guide

1. Enlightenment Thinkers (Hobbes and Locke) What were their ideas about government? This is all the way back from the first powerpoint!
2. What are the three branches of the United States government?
3. What is the supreme law of the land in the United States?
4. Explain what “checks and balances” means.
5. What is Federalism?
6. What are primary/secondary sources?
7. What was the Great Compromise? (Hint: It had to do with deciding how many Senators/Representatives each state gets)
8. What was the purpose of the Constitutional Convention? (Hint: It’s kind of obvious)
9. What was the central issue in writing the Constitution? (Think about what was wrong with the Articles of Confederation)
10. What were some methods used to restrict the rights of African-Americans to vote?
11. How old do you have to be to vote?
12. What country did American political traditions develop in?
13. What amendment protects you from having to testify against yourself? (Hint: “I plead the \_\_\_\_\_\_”)
14. What is a census?
15. What is the Bill of Rights?
16. What is limited government?
17. What is the Supremacy Clause?
18. What does the phrase, “Winner take all,” mean in relationship to electoral votes?
19. Generally speaking, what kind of economic system is used in the United States?
20. What is a standing committee?
21. How does the Supreme Court make a ruling on a case?
22. Who is the leader of the House of Representatives?
23. How long is the term for U.S. Senators?
24. How long is the term for members of the House of Representatives?
25. How old must you be to run for Senate?
26. What is a filibuster? How can it be stopped?
27. Who is next in line for President after the Vice President?
28. Who are the President’s advisors?
29. When is Election Day?
30. What is a constituent?
31. What is the title of the head of the executive branch for a state government?
32. What is the cabinet?
33. What are the powers of the President?
34. What are the requirements to become President?
35. Supreme Court Cases to know…
	1. Tinker v. Des Moines
	2. Brown v. Board of Education
	3. Miranda v. Arizona
	4. Wisconsin v. Yoder
36. Some current events you may want to be familiar with
	1. Voter ID controversy
	2. Iran nuclear negotiations
37. Complete the following chart

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|  | Liberals | Conservatives |
| Political Party |  |  |
| Constitutional Interpretation |  |  |
| Guns |  |  |
| Death Penalty |  |  |
| Immigration |  |  |
| Welfare |  |  |
| Right to Privacy |  |  |
| Taxes |  |  |