**Government Final Study Guide**

We will have a final for Government class next Wednesday (1/21). Please bring a pencil or two for class and I will provide you with paper for writing. Below is the list of questions that may appear on the final. I will select three of them and ask you to write a page response to each question. Your responses should demonstrate knowledge and mastery of the course content by using key words, ideas, and phrases from the multiple documents, discussions, film clips, and guest speakers we have examined this semester.

**Key Terms**

Sovereignty

Political Parties

Independence

Nation

State

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Amendment

Public Good

Federalism

Local Government

Mayor

Polling

Rights

Privileges

Checks and Balances

Congress

Constitution

Social Contract

Public Sector

Private Sector

Supreme Court

Search and Seizure

Republic

Democracy

Anarchy

Articles of Confederation

Authority

Power

Politics

Citizen

Declaration of Independence

Property Tax

Zoning

Pluralistic Society

Supremacy Clause

1. What is the US Constitution? How was it created? Does it still matter today?
2. Choose one Amendment and critique the impact that it has had on American government and the democratic ideals of the country.
3. What is the purpose for having a government?
4. Elaborate on the term “federalism”.
5. What are some of your current and future responsibilities as a citizens of the country and a member of the community?
6. Does the system of checks and balances provide our nation with an effective and efficient government?
7. Are political parties good for our nation?
8. How does government address power imbalances in our society?