**AP Government and Politics**

**Unit 5 Items of Importance**

The list below contains the items that you will be tested on for the Unit 5 test. While we may have not have covered every item in class, you have access to the textbook, the vocabulary, the notes online, any assignments that you have completed, and your foundational documents. For each term, you should know not only its meaning, but also its practical application.

* Understand why an incumbent usually wins and ALL of the advantages of being an incumbent.
* The role of the House with revenue/appropriations bills
* The role of the Senate in approving treaties, ambassadors, judges, etc.
* Understand where the majority of the work is done in the House/Senate
* Understand the role of the filibuster in the Senate
* Understand what a standing committee and a conference committee are and be able to explain the difference
* Understand the role of the Rules Committee
* Understand the impact of pork barrel legislation
* Understand franking privilege and constituent service (casework)
* Understand the role of committees in Congressional oversight
* The role of the whip in maintaining party loyalty
* Duties of the Speaker of the house
* Discharge petition