**AP Government and Politics**

**Unit 1: Foundations of American Government**

**Items of Importance**

The list below contains the items that you will be tested on for the Unit 1 test. While we may have not have covered every item in class, you have access to the textbook, 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. For Supreme Court cases, you should know the Constitutional question, the decision, and its impact.

* Compromise at the Constitutional Convention
	+ Virginia and New Jersey Plans
	+ The Great Compromise
	+ 3/5ths Compromise
* Comparison between the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution
* Federalism and how it affects how the government is structured
* The role of factions in a republic
* Implied Powers of Congress
	+ Necessary and Proper (Elastic clause)
* John Locke and the social contract theory, natural rights, and consent of the governed
* Shay’s Rebellion and its impact on the Articles of Confederation
* Direct voting for members of the House of Representatives
* The supremacy clause
* *US v. Lopez*
* *McCulloch v. Maryland*
* Block grants versus Categorical grants
* Reserved powers
* Fiscal and cooperative federalism
* Checks and balances