

## PreIB/AP Government Summer Assignment: Vocabulary Flashcards

Please research the following key terms pertaining to Government. In the empty square, please write down the definition AND why this term is significant (you may use extra paper if you find the squares too small). If you use the internet, be sure the source you use is reliable (i.e. not Wikipedia, etc.). Please be sure to put your summaries in your own words (do not plagiarize). When you come to class, you should understand these terms and be comfortable using them, as these will be assessed via a vocabulary quiz within the first two weeks of school.

This assignment is NOT optional. It will be graded and is due on the second day your class meets.

SAMPLE

### ELITE THEORY of Government/Politics

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*Politics is dominated by a few powerful (elite) leaders in business, the government, the mass media, etc.*

*Under this theory, the government is not really responsive to the average citizen, and the average citizen plays an insignificant role in politics/government; it goes against our general beliefs about democracy, but in some ways this theory is accurate.*

### PLURALIST THEORY of Government/Politics

### BUREAUCRATIC THEORY of Government/Politics

### HYPERPLURALIST THEORY of Government/Politics

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

**SEPARATION OF  
POWERS**

**CHECKS AND BALANCES**

**LIMITED GOVERNMENT**

**FEDERALISM**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

**SOCIAL CONTRACT  
THEORY**

**POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY**

**DIRECT DEMOCRACY**

**REPRESENTATIVE  
DEMOCRACY**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

**ARTICLES OF  
CONFEDERATION**

**SHAYS' REBELLION**

**THE FEDERALIST  
PAPERS**

**CONNECTICUT (or  
GREAT) COMPROMISE**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

**3/5 COMPROMISE**

**HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES**

**SENATE**

**LOBBYING/LOBBYISTS**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

**INTEREST GROUPS**

**POLITICAL IDEOLOGY  
(or Political Spectrum)**

**POLITICAL PARTIES**

**DEVOLUTION**