

US Government

Unit 4 Study Guide

Topics Covered

- Presidency
- Bureaucracy
- Congress

Key Elements

- Roles of the Presidency (8 – shown below)
 - Chief Legislator
 - Head of State
 - Chief Diplomat
 - Commander in Chief
 - Economic Planner
 - Crisis Manager
 - Chief Executive
 - Party Leader
- The two jobs of the Vice President
- The role of the President's Cabinet
- Executive Agreements
- Executive Orders
- Why is the federal bureaucracy always likely to be unpopular? What are the stereotypes of bureaucracies?
- Why do private bureaucracies seem to be more efficient than public bureaucracies?
- The Pendleton Act and the Hatch Act – how did they change the bureaucracies?
- The four Legislator Roles: Delegate, Trustee, Politico, Partisan (know how each uses or doesn't use public information about how citizens' feel about the issues, and how each role chooses to vote based on whatever)
- Bicameral Legislature
- What are key differences between the House of Representatives and the Senate?
- How Seniority affects the House and the Senate
- The effect on Incumbency in the House and Senate
- Reapportionment, Redistricting, and Gerrymandering – what are these and how do they affect who represents who?
- *Baker v. Carr*
- *Shaw v. Reno*
- Serving Constituents: How does Pork Barrel and casework help citizens through actions from their congressperson?
- Why are Committees important in the lawmaking process?