**Unit 1 Reading Questions – American Government**

**Directions: Use notes and textbook (pg #) to answer questions.   
Write on your own paper or notecards.**

1. Government

a. Identify the 4 main functions of government. (p. 21-22)

b. What is the difference between the levels of government? (p. 23)

2. Democracy

a. Why are representative democracies so much more common than direct democracies? (p. 23-24)

b. What are the basic principles of all democracies? (p. 24-25)

3. Authoritarian Government

a. Describe a monarchy. (p. 25)

b. How do dictatorships gain and maintain their authority? (p. 26)

4. Enlightenment Influences

a. What Enlightenment ideas did English colonist bring with them? (p. 33-35)

b. Explain John Locke’s ideas about natural rights and the social contract. (p. 34-35)

5. Colonial Resistance

a. How and why did Britain’s policy of colonial control change in the mid-1700s? (p. 51-52)

b. What caused the colonists to boycott British goods? (p. 52)

c. Describe the British Parliament’s reaction to the Boston Tea Party. (p. 53)

6. Declaring Independence

a. What was the result of the First Continental Congress? (p. 54)

b. Explain the increasing support for independence at the Second Continental Congress. (p. 54)

c. What were the main ideas in the Declaration of Independence? (p. 55-56)

7. Articles of Confederation

a. Describe the power given to the national government in the Articles. (p. 68-69)

b. Why did Shay’s Rebellion cause leaders to call for changes to the constitution? (p. 70)

8. Compromises at the Convention

a. Identify the causes and effects of the Great Compromise. (p. 74-75)

b. Describe the Three-Fifths Compromise. (p. 75)

c. What did southern states get in exchange for agreeing to let Congress regulate trade? (p. 76)

d. How was the Electoral College a result of a compromise? (p. 76)

9. Ratification Debate

a. Who were the Federalists and what opinion did they support? (p. 77-78)

b. What were the main complaints of the Anti-Federalists? (p. 78)

c. How did the Federalists finally get the votes they needed for ratification? (p. 78)