**AP United States Government Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Chapter 1 Study Guide – Introducing Government in America**

**Vocabulary:** On index cards, define the following terms.

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| 1. Government 2. Public goods 3. Politics 4. Political participation 5. Single-issue groups 6. Policymaking system 7. Linkage institutions 8. Policy agenda | 1. Political issue 2. Policymaking institutions 3. Public policy 4. Policy impacts 5. Democracy 6. Majority rule 7. Minority rights 8. Representation | 1. Pluralist theory 2. Elite and class theory 3. Hyperpluralism 4. Policy gridlock 5. Political culture 6. Gross domestic product |

**Questions:** Complete the following as you read chapter 1 in your textbook.

1. Define the term “government.”
2. What are the two fundamental questions about governing that serve as themes throughout the textbook?
3. List the five functions that all national governments perform.
4. Define the term “politics.”
5. Give examples of the “who,” “what,” “when,” and “how” of politics.
   1. Who:
   2. What:
   3. When:
   4. How:
6. Draw a diagram of how a policy system works.
7. List four key linkage institutions in a democratic society.
8. Define the term “policy agenda.”
9. How does a government’s policy agenda change?
10. List the four major policymaking institutions in the United States.
11. Define the term “policy impacts.”
12. Define the term “democracy” as used in this text.
13. List the five cornerstones of an ideal democracy.
14. Explain the principles of majority rule and minority rights.
15. Complete the following table comparing pluralist, elite and class, and hyperpluralist theories according to who holds the power and how policy is made.

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| **Theory** | **Who holds power** | **How policy is made** |
| Pluralist |  |  |
| Elite and class |  |  |
| Hyperpluralist |  |  |

1. List the major challenges facing American democracy.
2. What is “political culture” and why is it crucial to understanding American government?
3. List and give an example of the five elements of the American creed according to Seymour Martin Lipset.
4. List three ways in which America might be experiencing a crisis of cultural values.
5. Make a list of items that illustrate the scope of American government.
6. What is gross domestic product and how does the term illustrate the scope of American government?