**Government Benchmark 1 – Sept. 8, 2011**

**Study Guide**

**History**

Who were federalists?

What did the Virginia Plan include?

How did they resolve the issue of counting slaves at the constitutional convention?

What were characteristics of the New Jersey Plan?

When was the Bill of Rights added to the Constitution?

**Limited Government**

Define limited government

What English documents were influential to the creation of the Constitution?

Define social contract theory.

What is an American document that is an example of social contract theory?

Define natural rights. Who do we credit with this idea?

What are American documents that we can associate with natural rights?

What philosophical movement in world history gave us the Declaration of Independence and social contract theory?

Who were philosophers from the Enlightenment and what were their main ideas?

What is the purpose of the Bill of Rights?

**Federalism**

Define federalism

Define nullification: How is nullification an example of federalism?

Popular Sovereignty

Why are Congress and the President elected while judges are appointed?

**Judicial Review**

Define judicial review

Is judicial review stated in the Constitution?

How did judicial review develop?

**Separation of Powers**

Define separation of powers

What is the purpose of separation of powers?

What does each branch of government do, in general?

What are powers of the legislative branch?

What are powers of the executive branch?

What are powers of the judicial branch?

**Checks and Balances**

Define checks and balances

What is the purpose of checks and balances?

How does the judicial branch check the power of the legislative branch?

How does the executive branch check the legislative branch?

How does the legislative branch check the executive and judicial branches?

**Amendments**

1-10: What protections/freedoms are generally protected?S