

The Unique Language of AP Government Know These Terms for the AP Exam

527 group
administrative discretion
advice and consent
affirmative action
amicus curiae
Anti-Federalists
appellate courts
appellate jurisdiction
apportionment
appropriations
approval rating
assembly, freedom of
authorization bill
bail, excessive
balanced budget
ballot initiative
bandwagon
bicameral
bill
Bills of Attainder
bipartisan
bloc
block grants
Brady Act
brief
brinkmanship
budget deficit
bureaucracy
casework (Congress)
categorical grants
caucus
census
checks (versus balances)
civil law
Civil Rights Act
civil service
class action suits
Clear and Present Danger
closed primary
cloture
coattails
collective bargaining
commander in chief
Commerce Clause
committee chair's powers
common law
community standards
concurring opinion
conference committee
Connecticut Compromise
Congressional Budget Office
consensus

constituent
consumer price index
continuing resolution
cooperative federalism
cost benefit analysis
Council of Economic Advisors
counsel, right to
criminal law
cruel and unusual punishment
debt, federal budget
defendants
deficit, federal budget
delegates
demography
détente
devolution
Discharge Petition
discouraged workers
discretionary spending
dissenting opinion
district courts, federal
divided government
double jeopardy
dual federalism
due process clause
earmarks
elastic clause
Electoral College
elite theory of government
eminent domain
en banc
entitlement
enumerated powers
equal protection clause
establishment clause
ex post facto laws
exclusionary rule
executive agreements
EOP
executive orders
executive privilege
exit poll
extradition
factions
fast track
federalism
Federal Reserve Board
flat tax
filibuster
fiscal policy
formula grant
Fourteenth Amendment

franking
free exercise clause
Freedom of Information Act
frontloading
full faith and credit
gender gap
GAO
gerrymander
good faith exception
Gramm-Rudman Act
grandfather clause
grants in aid
grassroots
gridlock
hold (bill)
home rule
House Appropriations Committee
House Rules Committee
House Ways and Means Committee
hyperpluralism
immunity
impeach vs. remove
implied powers
incorporation doctrine
incrementalism
incumbent
independent agency
informal amendments
interest group
IRS
iron triangles
issue networks
joint committee
judicial activism
judicial restraint
judicial review
Judiciary Act
jurisdiction
lame duck
laissez-faire
legislative oversight
legislative veto
Lemon Test
libel
line-item veto debate
linkage institution
litigant
litmus test
lobbyists
mandatory spending
margin of error
majority leader
majority opinion
majority rule
mandate
markup

mass media
means testing
minority leader
minority opinion
Miranda warning
muckraking
monetary policy
narrowcasting
NRA
natural law
natural rights
naturalization
necessary and proper clause
nomination process
OMB
omnibus legislation
open primary
open seat
original intent
original jurisdiction
party machines
patronage
penumbra rights
per curiam decision
plaintiff
plea bargain
pluralism
plurality
pocket veto
Political Action Committee
political efficacy
polling
pork barrel
poverty line
precedent
press, freedom of
primary
prior restraint
privacy rights
privileges and immunities
probable cause
project grant
public opinion
pure speech
quorum
reapportionment
racketeering
random sampling
ratification
reapportionment
recess appointment
reciprocity
redlining
referendum
religion, freedom of
republic

reverse discrimination
rider
right to work laws
safe seat
safety net
sampling error
search and seizure
search warrant
SEC
select committee
selective incorporation
self incrimination
senatorial courtesy
seniority system
shield laws
single issue groups
slander
soft money
solicitor general
sound bite
speech, freedom of
spin
split ticket voting
standing committee
standing to sue
stare decisis
statute
statutory
strict scrutiny
subcommittee
suffrage
sunset legislation
super delegates
super majority
symbolic speech
taxes, progressive
term
term limits
third parties
ticket splitting
transfer payments
treason (definition)
trial balloons
veto
Voting Rights Act
watchdog function
war powers
welfare
whips (Congressional)
winner take all
writ of certiorari
writ of habeas corpus
writ of mandamus

Marbury v Madison
McCulluch v Marland
Gibbons v Ogden
Schenk v US
Brown v Board
Mapp v Ohio
Engel v Vitale
Gideon v Wainright
Mirand v Arizona
Terry v Ohio
US v Nixon
Citizens United v FEC