

US Government, Economy, and Cultures & Customs Study Guide  
Quiz on Monday, October 2nd

- What are immigrants, and why do people become immigrants?
  - **\*\*Answer:\*\*** Immigrants are people who move from one country to another. People become immigrants for various reasons, such as seeking better opportunities, escaping problems in their home country, or reuniting with family.
  
- What was slavery, and why was it wrong?
  - **\*\*Answer:\*\*** Slavery was a system in which people were forced to work without pay and had no freedom. It was wrong because it treated people as property and denied them basic human rights.
  
- Who are your ancestors, and why is it important to learn about them?
  - **\*\*Answer:\*\*** Your ancestors are your family members who came before you, like your grandparents and great-grandparents. It's important to learn about them because they have shaped your family's history and traditions.
  
- What is culture, and how is it different from customs?
  - **\*\*Answer:\*\*** Culture is the way of life of a group of people, including their beliefs, traditions, and values. Customs are specific behaviors or practices that are part of a culture.
  
- Can you give examples of customs from different cultures?
  - **\*\*Answer:\*\*** Examples of customs from different cultures include bowing in Japanese culture as a sign of respect, celebrating Diwali with fireworks in Indian culture, and giving gifts during Christmas in many Western cultures.
  
- What is heritage, and how is it passed down through generations?
  - **\*\*Answer:\*\*** Heritage is the traditions and beliefs that are passed down from one generation to the next through families and communities.
  
- What are ethnic groups, and how do they contribute to the diversity of a country?
  - **\*\*Answer:\*\*** Ethnic groups are groups of people who share a common cultural background, language, or history. They contribute to the diversity of a country by bringing their unique traditions and perspectives.
  
- What is the purpose of a government, and why do we need laws?
  - **\*\*Answer:\*\*** The purpose of government is to make and enforce laws, protect citizens, and provide essential services. We need laws to maintain order and ensure fairness in society.
  
- What is a constitution, and why is the U.S. Constitution important?
  - **\*\*Answer:\*\*** A constitution is a set of fundamental laws and principles that guides a country. The U.S. Constitution is important because it establishes the framework for the U.S. government and protects the rights of its citizens.

- What is the role of the President of the United States?
  - **Answer:** The President's role is to lead the country, make important decisions, ensure the country's laws are being carried out, and represent the United States to the world. The President is the the Executive Branch of the United States.
  
- What is Congress, and what do members of Congress do?
  - **Answer:** Congress is the branch of the U.S. government responsible for making and passing laws. It consists of two parts: the Senate and the House of Representatives. Congress is the Legislative Branch of the United States.
  
- Where is Washington, D.C. located, and what is its significance?
  - **Answer:** Washington, D.C. is located on the east coast of the United States. It is the capital of the United States and the center of the U.S. government.
  
- How is Washington, D.C. different from Washington State?
  - **Answer:** Washington, D.C. is the capital city of the United States and not part of any state. Washington State is located on the west coast and is one of the 50 states in the U.S.
  
- What is the Supreme Court, and why is it important in our government?
  - **Answer:** The Supreme Court is the highest court in the United States, responsible for interpreting the law and ensuring that it aligns with the Constitution. It is important because it upholds justice and checks the power of the other branches of government. It is the Judicial Branch of our Government.
  
- How do checks and balances work to ensure a fair government?
  - **Answer:** Checks and balances are a system where each branch of government (Executive, Legislative, and Judicial) has the ability to limit the power of the other branches. This ensures that no single branch becomes too powerful and that the government remains fair and just.
  
- Name the three branches of the U.S. government and explain what each does.
  - **Answer:** The three branches are:
    - **Executive Branch:** This branch is led by the President and enforces the laws. It includes the President, Vice President, and the President's Cabinet.
    - **Legislative Branch:** This branch is responsible for making laws. It consists of Congress, which includes the Senate and the House of Representatives.
    - **Judicial Branch:** This branch interprets the laws and includes the Supreme Court.
  
- How do these branches work together to run the country?
  - **Answer:** These branches work together through a system of checks and balances. Each branch has its own responsibilities and can check the power of the other branches to ensure a fair and balanced government.

- What is the economy, and how does it work?

- **Answer:** The economy is the system of producing, distributing, and using goods and services. It works through businesses producing goods and services, consumers buying them, and money flowing through the economy.

- What is profit, and why is it essential for businesses?

- **Answer:** Profit is the money a business makes after subtracting its costs. It is essential for businesses because it allows them to grow, invest, and provide more goods and services.

- Who are producers and consumers in the economy, and what do they do?

- **Answer:** Producers are businesses and individuals who make or provide goods and services. Consumers are people who buy and use those goods and services.

- How do businesses and consumers depend on each other?

- **Answer:** Businesses depend on consumers to buy their products, which generates income. Consumers depend on businesses to provide the goods and services they need or want.

- What is opportunity cost?

- **Answer:** Opportunity Cost is the choice that is NOT chosen when people make a choice between two things.

- What is scarcity?

- **Answer:** Scarcity is a shortage of a product, and there isn't enough for everyone that wants it.