TERMS TO KNOW: Be prepared to identify the term and indicate its significance or give an example of it:

Marbury v. Madison  
veto  

descriptive representation  
formal representation  
symbolic representation  

writ of certiorari  
executive order  

judicial review  
executive agreement  
pocket veto  

Chief of State  
strict construction  
pocket pass  

War Powers Act  
double jeopardy  
Spoils system  

precedent  
line item veto  
executive privilege  

bicameralism  
power to persuade  
divided government  

seniority system  
Commander in Chief  
pork barrel  

impeachment  
Chief Legislator  
red tape  

cloture  
redistricting  
Chief Diplomat  

gerrymandering  
Chief Executive  
Senatorial courtesy  

civil service system  
original intent  
standing committees  

iron triangles of influence  
subcommittees  
appeal courts  

House Rules Committee  
conference committees  
constituency service  

franking privilege  
National Security Council (NSC)  
cabinet  

legislative veto  
concentrated local interest  
Senate Rule XXII  

Congressional Oversight  
General Accounting Office (GAO)  
lame duck  

Congressional Budget Office (CBO)  
Military Industrial Complex  
instructed delegate  

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)  

ESSAYS TO PREPARE (Two of the following essays will be on the exam and you will have to choose one of the two on which to write your essay):

1. Is the American President too powerful? Write an essay in which you discuss the sources and limitations of Presidential power. Illustrate your answer with references to the readings and with examples from the first 3 years of the Obama Presidency.

2. How Representative is the U.S. Congress? Write an essay in which you define representation and then evaluate how well Congress operates according to your definition. Be specific and support your answer with references to the readings and to current events.

3. Congress is deadlocked and cannot pass any meaningful legislation or get anything done. Why is this? Discuss the causes of the deadlock in congress paying particular attention both to the organization and rules of Congress and to the electoral system by which Members of the House and Senate are elected.

4. The U.S. Supreme Court is unelected and its members, once appointed, cannot be removed regardless of the decisions they make. How do you justify an unelected and unaccountable court in a democracy? Write an essay in which you describe the role played by the US Supreme Court in the US political system and discuss how and in what ways it is compatible or incompatible with democratic theory.