

U.S. Government

State and Governments: Chapters 24

Guiding Questions

1. How are the structure and purpose of State Constitutions different from and similar to the U.S. Constitution?
2. How are State Legislatures different from the U.S. Congress, in terms of their structure and process?
3. How is citizen involvement in state and local governments more direct when compared with citizen involvement in the national government?
4. How are state Executive branches different from the Federal Government Executive Branch?

Reading Schedule

3/16 Friday: Chapter 24, section 1

3/19 Monday: Chapter 24, section 2

3/20 Tuesday: Chapter 24, section 3

3/21 Wednesday: Chapter 24, section 5

Quiz: Friday, March 23rd (with reading and short answer question on local governments)

Be familiar with the importance and meaning of the following terms: initiative, legislative committees, fundamental laws, statutory law, referendum, recall, special sessions, veto power, item veto, clemency, pardon, commutation, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer, attorney general, criminal law, civil law, petit (trial) jury, grand jury, bench trial, appellate court

Be familiar with the following names: Governor of Colorado, Lieutenant Governor of Colorado, State House and Senate Majority and Minority Leaders in Colorado, Secretary of State of Colorado, State Senator and Representative representing YOU