

U.S. Government

Chapters 15 & 16: The Bureaucracy & the Budget

Guiding Questions

1. Which branch of government controls the bureaucracy and how is the bureaucracy structured?
2. How do Cabinet Departments and Independent agencies differ in their role in the federal government? How are they similar?
3. Discuss the various ways in which the federal government collects money to pay for the federal bureaucracy.
4. How do ideological ideas about the role of government impact government policy on spending?

Reading Schedule:

3/8 Thursday: Chapter 15.2

3/12 Monday: Chapter 15.3

3/13 Tuesday: Chapter 16.2

3/13 Wednesday: Chapter 16.3

Quiz: Friday, March 16th

Be familiar with the following items, their application and meaning:

Terms: bureaucracy, federal budget, fiscal year, quasi-legislative, quasi-judicial, patronage, spoils system, civil service, fiscal policy, progressive tax, payroll tax, regressive tax, excise tax, estate tax, gift tax, customs duty, deficit, surplus, demand-side economics, supply-side economics, public debt, entitlement, controllable spending (discretionary spending,) uncontrollable spending (mandatory spending,) continuing resolution

Organizations:

Executive Office of the President, Executive Departments, Independent Executive Agencies, secretary, attorney general, independent agency, independent executive agency, independent regulatory commission, government corporation

Be able to answer the Guiding Questions