

Test Review1

Government 2306

Chapter 1/The Environment of Texas Politics

Know the definition of politics, political culture, and government

Identify an example of a public policy

Know the difference between traditionalistic, moralistic, and traditional culture and know which ones are dominant in Texas

What about the geographical size of Texas and how large is its land area in relation to other states? What does this mean for politicians who have to campaign in the state?

What is in the Texas Panhandle that allows for the growth of foods and fruits (South Texas)y

What are some major cities in central Texas ?

What are two major areas in North Texas ?

What do we know about the region of West Texas, also known as the Basin and Range Province?

How about the Gulf Coast? Major cities in the Gulf Coast?

What is the population of Texas and how does population rank to other states?

What do we know about population of Texas in recent years? How many are in the Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs)?

What are some facts of the elderly population in Texas?

What is the percentage of the African American community and which areas in Texas do they primarily reside

What are several causes of the extinction of the Native American population?

What are several factors associated with the Asian population?

What is the population of the Latina population? Politically diverse, more interested in issues than party.(though voted Democrat more than Republican in last presidential election voted 40% Republican in the last Gubernatorial election)

What are four industries that have been important in the economic development of Texas? What is one of the most important industries in Texas? Why is fracking important to Texas and what are some of the considerations we need to consider with fracking?

What is an important alternative fuel in Texas?

What is high-technology jobs important? What are some of the jobs in this area?

What about the biotechnology industry?

What can we say about the health service employment in Texas?

Agriculture: Where does most of the exports in Texas go, how about ports and rail to transport exports, how much is processed in Texas, and what about the number of farms and the size of the acreages?

What percent of US export to Mexico are produced in Texas and why are the maquiladoras important?

What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of NAFTA ?

Why was 2011 a pivotal year for Texas? Which **state agency** has been important in responding to this problem?

What are some of the challenges in water development in Texas

What has the EPA required Texas to do regarding the Clean Air Act?

Texas has a large younger and immigrant population. As a result, what can we say about the state of health insurance in Texas?

Why are Health Savings Account important?

Texas has many documented and undocumented immigrants. What portion of the population in Texas lives below the poverty line?

Chapter 2 /Texas Constitution

What are some of the purposes of the Texas Constitution?

What is the difference between Federal and state constitutions (which one predominates)?

What is the definition of a federal system?

What does the Tenth Amendment say and why is it important? What does the United States constitution say about the reserved powers?

What is the national Supremacy Clause?

What is the Interstate Commerce Clause? What effect did it have on the expansion of the Federal Government?

Article I, section 8 of the US Constitution discusses delegated powers. Be able to identify some of these powers. (discuss in class) if I ask for an example

Why is the necessary and proper clause important? What is another name for the power that is associated with the necessary and proper clause and how does it affect the power of the national

government?

What are some of the state powers protected by the US Constitution? If I ask which one is **not** protected, you should then be able to pick it out

What is selective incorporation and how does it affect the states?

Article IV

Know the Full Faith and Credit Clause and **example**

What is meant by privileges and immunities and give an **example**

What is extradition? **An example**

What is eminent domain?

Give several examples of reserved powers (to the states) Does the US Constitution say anything about the reserve powers

What mechanism has been used by the Federal Government to extend itself into the realm of state activities? What term is used for the decline of Federal control?

What has been the trend in federal state relations (since 1980 and what does the federal government use to influence state policymaking?

What does the Texas Constitution create and assign to government institutions? Limitations? and how long and detailed is the Texas Constitution? Many or few amendments?

We will be looking at the 1869 Constitution and the 1876 Constitution. One was a reaction to **Reconstruction**, was presided by Davis, and increased the power of the state government. The other (1876) tried to reverse the legislation put forth by Davis to decrease the power of the state government and state legislature, was influenced by “retrenchment and reform” of the Grangers and had Coke as a governor.

Know the activities associated with 1869 and the activities associated with the 1876 Constitution (which many are still in our Constitution today).

What are three activities associated with the amendment process in Texas? Who is **not directly** involved?

What can we say about voter turnout for amendment election?

What hampered the 1974 Constitutional Convention election and what issue derailed the 1974 Constitutional Convention?

Has Texas been receptive to comprehensive revisions to the current Constitutions? If not, what is the primary vehicle for changing the Constitution in Texas?

How is the Texas Bill of Rights different from the US Bill of Rights? (length, detailed, level of protection). Which right does the Texas Constitution have but is not specifically mentioned in the US Constitution?

What do we mean by the separation of powers and bicameral legislature?

