



# Exam Overview

The AP United States Government and Politics Exam asks students to explain and apply key and supporting concepts outlined in the course description. The exam measures students' understanding of American political culture and the interactions of governing and linkage institutions. Questions are based on the six major topics in the course, and students must be able to define, compare, explain, and interpret political concepts, policies, processes, perspectives, and behaviors that characterize the U.S. political system.

# Exam Format

Section One: Multiple Choice

60 questions

45 minutes

50% of exam score

More Multiple Choice:

Demonstrate understanding of major course concepts, policies, and institutions.

Apply skills of comparison and interpretation in addition to factual recall

# Exam Format

Section Two: Free Response

4 questions

1 hour and 40 minutes

50% of test score

## More Free Response

Define concepts and explain or interpret content across all course topics

Analyze political relationships and evaluate policy changes using examples from the course to support the argument or response

You should these people . . .

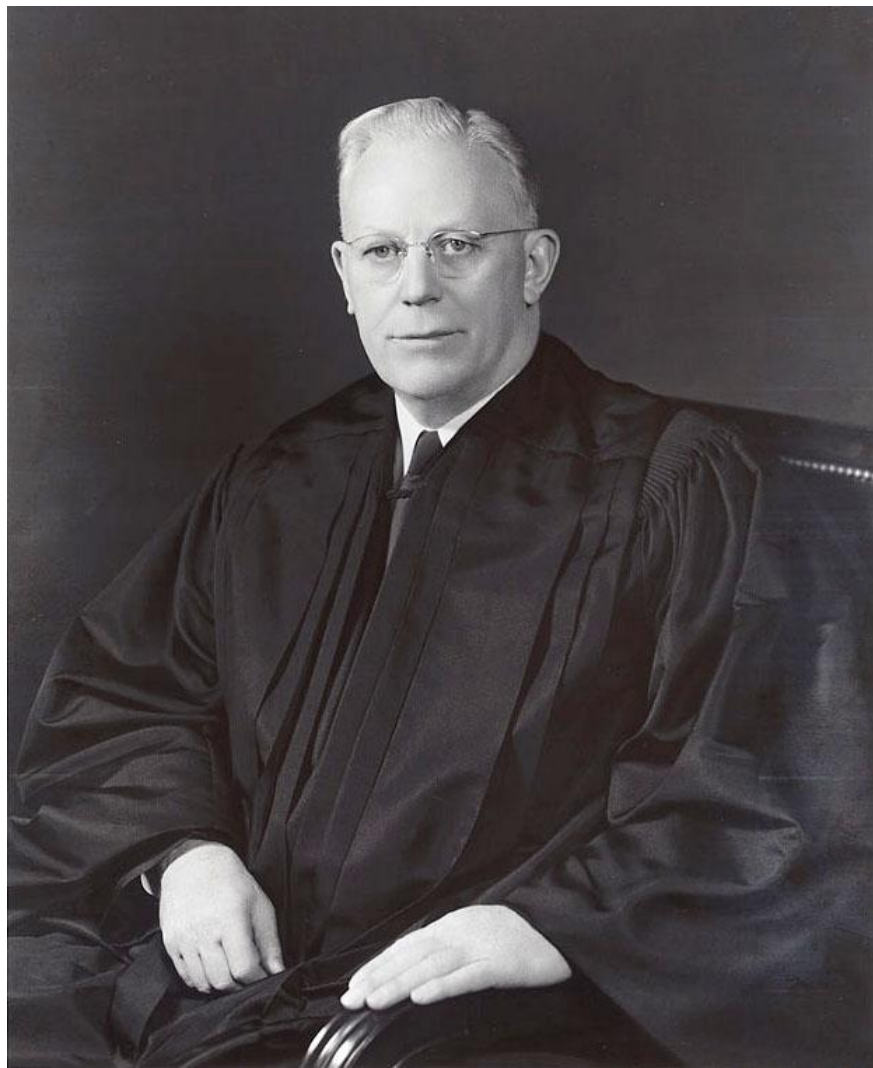


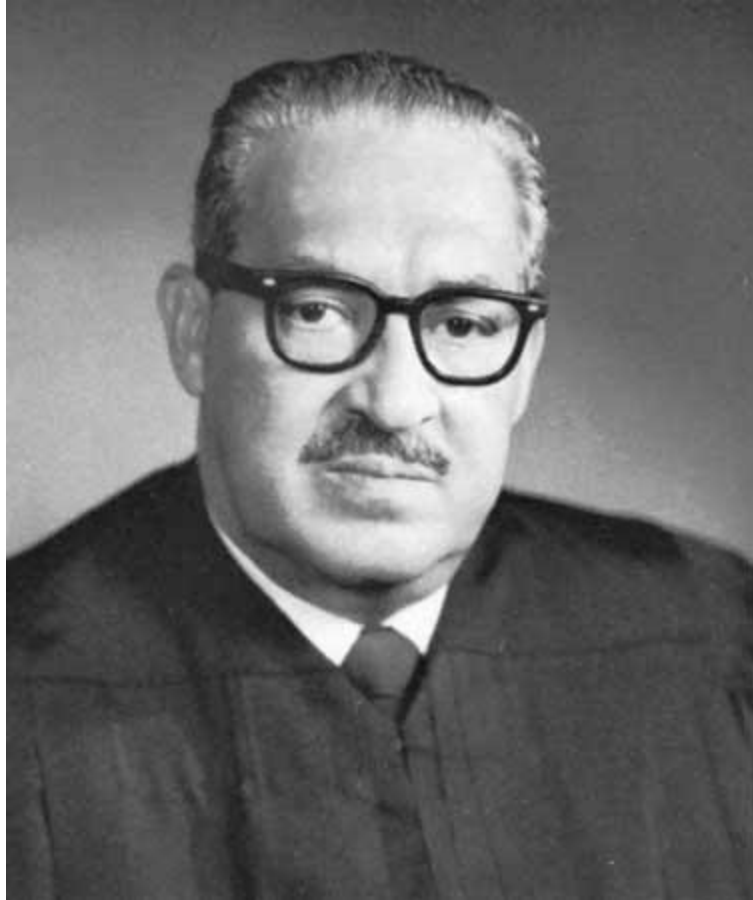














We the People of the  
insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common Defence,  
and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution,

Article I. Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.



# What to Expect . . .

A quiz one day followed by a test, repeat

Reading the textbook and taking notes at home

Writing essays in class

Class discussions about how the content relates to current situations



## Why take AP Government?

Pass AP Test and not take Gov 101 in college

Save cost of class and textbook

Know more than repeating and relearning 8th grade first semester US History



