Final Examination Review – Civics

1. Name and describe at least **three** responsibilities of national government. How is it important to you? Explain using examples from current events, personal experience or other sources.
2. Name and describe at least **three** of the responsibilities of state government to the people. How is it important to you? Explain using examples from current events, personal experience or other sources.
3. Name and describe at least **three** of the responsibilities of local government. How do these affect you? Explain using examples from current events, personal experience or other sources.
4. How does the new Health Care bill affect the responsibilities of national and state governments? How does this relate to federalism? Be specific. Is the bill a good or bad idea? Why?
5. Name and describe at least **five** the essential protections given to each citizen under the Bill of Rights (plus the 14th amendment.) Why is each of these protections important to the civil liberties of U.S. citizens? Be specific--use logic and examples.
6. Name and describe at least **four** essential Supreme Court decisions that have informally amended the Constitution since 1787. Why is each of these protections important to the civil liberties of U.S. citizens? Be specific--use logic and examples.
7. Name and describe at least **five** of the essential responsibilities that each U.S. citizen has with respect to their country. Why is each of these important for a thriving democracy? Be specific and use examples from current events and your service learning project.
8. What is the significance of the phrase: “Democracy must be learned by each generation?” Be specific and use three examples from current events and your service learning project.
9. Why is being on a jury an important duty of citizens in the USA? Provide at least two lessons about the responsibilities of jurors do you learn from “12 Angry Men?” Be specific—use logic and examples.
10. Read and react to the following quote: "The USA Patriot Act and other actions that expanded the powers of the executive branch in matters of national security are necessary to protect the citizens of the United States from foreign and domestic threats." Choose a side: do you agree or disagree with this statement and why? Be specific—use logic and examples.
11. Name and define the **three** foreign policy approaches (triangle organizer) described in class. Name and describe events or periods in the history of the United States to demonstrate when each of these approaches described the foreign policy philosophy of the United States. What is the current foreign policy approach of the Obama administration? Defend your answer with examples from current events.

12. What role did the National, State and Local Governments have in preventing, mitigating and reacting to Hurricane Katrina?

13. Describe Governor Rick Snyder’s agenda and accomplishments as Governor. Evaluate his performance and back up your arguments with examples and logic.

14. Describe the process by which the Health Care Bill became law. Is this a positive or negative process? Why? If negative, explain what would be a better process and why. If positive, explain why the best bill comes out of the process.