

**2001 AP® UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS  
FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

3. Many scholars and observers have argued that the ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution has become the single most important act in all of United States politics.
- a. Identify which provision of the Fourteenth Amendment was applied in one of the following Supreme Court cases. For the case you select, explain the significance of the decision in United States politics.
- *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* (1954)
  - *Baker v. Carr* (1962)
  - *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke* (1978)
- b. Identify which provision of the Fourteenth Amendment was applied in one of the following Supreme Court cases. For the case you select, explain the significance of the decision in United States politics.
- *Mapp v. Ohio* (1961)
  - *Gideon v. Wainwright* (1963)
  - *Miranda v. Arizona* (1966)
4. Explain how each of the political factors listed below makes it difficult for the federal government to enact public policy. Provide one example for each explanation.
- Divided government
  - Weak party discipline
  - Growth in the number of interest groups and political action committees (PAC's)

**END OF EXAMINATION**

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**Question 3**

**6 POINTS TOTAL**

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**Part (a): 3 points**

Identification:

(1 point) Identification of the “provision.” Must use “equal protection.”

Explanation:

(1 point) Factual statement about the holding.

(1 point) Explanation of the significance or impact of the case in United States politics

Must go beyond the holding of the case

- For example: “led to Civil Rights movement”
  - NOT credited: “Brown led to desegregation of public schools”
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**Part (b): 3 points**

Identification:

(1 point) Identification of the “provision.” Must use “due process.”

Explanation:

(1 point) Factual statement about the holding.

(1 point) Explanation of the significance or impact of the case in United States politics

Must go beyond holding of the case

- NOT credited “All police must read Miranda rights”
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**Score of zero (0)** for attempted answer that earns no points

**Score of dash (–)** for blank or off-task answer