

Advanced Placement Vocabulary – Governmental Edition
Week 16 (*Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007*)

1. **Amnesty** – *N.* A general pardon granted by a government
2. **Apparat** – *N.* A political organization or an underground political movement
3. **Despot** – *N.* A ruler with absolute power; tyrant
4. **Edict** – *N.* A formal or authoritative proclamation; a decree
5. **Hegemony** – *N.* The domination of one state over its allies
6. **Insurgency** – *N.* An organized rebellion aimed at overthrowing a government
7. **Junta** – *N.* A group of military officers ruling a country after seizing power (*Mexican 'J'*)
8. **Mandate** – *N.* A document giving an official instruction or command
9. **Moratorium** – *N.* An authorized period of delay in the performance of an obligation
10. **Ombudsman** – *N.* A government appointee who investigates complaints by private persons against the government
11. **Polity** – *N.* A politically organized unit
12. **Potentate** – *N.* One who has the power and position to rule over others; a monarch
13. **Ratify** – *V.* To approve and give formal sanction to; confirm
14. **Referendum** – *N.* A legislative act that can be voted upon
15. **Regalia** – *N.* The distinguishing symbols or emblems of a rank, office, order, or society
16. **Regime** – *N.* A government in power; polity (*see 11*)
17. **Secede** – *N.* Withdraw from an organization or communion (*cowards...*)
18. **Subjugate** – *V.* To bring under control; conquer
19. **Subvert** – *V.* To destroy completely; ruin
20. **Suffrage** – *N.* The right to vote
21. **Thralldom** – *N.* The state of being under the control of another person; enslavement
22. **Titular** – *Adj.* Relating to, having the nature of, or having a title
23. **Tyranny** – *N.* A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator
24. **Usurp** – *V.* To seize another's place, authority, or possession wrongfully