Government Study Guide

We will be taking the test over our government next Wednesday. The students will have a word bank to use for many of the questions. Below is the information they need to know:

* The piece of paper that states the plan for our government is called the **Constitution**.
* Our first president was **George Washington or President Washington**.
* The three branches of government are the **legislative branch**, the **executive branch**, and the **judicial branch**.
* The highest/most important court in our country is the **Supreme Court**.
* The **legislative branch** makes laws for the people of our country.
* Students must be able to name one symbol of our country: the American Flag, the Statue of Liberty, the bald eagle, the Liberty Bell, the White House, etc.
* The American Flag stands for **freedom and justice** (which means fairness).
* The city where government workers work is called the **capital**. The building where congress makes laws is the **Capitol** building.
* The group of people who help the president make decisions are called his **cabinet**.
* The capital of Iowa is **Des Moines**.
* The capital of the United States in is **Washington D.C.** (NOT just Washington).
* The President lives in the **White House**.
* Our president’s name is **Barack Obama or President Obama**.
* Presidential elections are held every **four** years.
* People who come from another country to the United States are called **immigrants**.