AP Government & Politics Mr. Shears

Week 1 Reading Guide

\*\*NOTE: all assigned textbook readings always include the ‘extra material’ (separate graphics, extended quotes, tables, cartoons, debates, primary sources, etc.) found on the page!!!

\*\*NOTE: key terms and concepts should not only be precisely defined, but also expounded upon w/ relevant examples or other supporting details from the textbook where appropriate.

\*\*NOTE: please number the items in your “outline” as seen below.

Section 1.1

1. The 5 main functions of government (list and elaborate w/ details & examples)

Section 1.2

2. Lasswell’s definition of politics

Section 1.3

3. policy agenda vs. policymaking vs. policymaking institutions

4. categories (types) of public policies (w/ examples!)

Section 2.1

5. the Declaration of Independence as a ‘polemic’

6. John Locke’s natural rights philosophy (detailed summary from pg. 38 please!)

7. the ‘social contract’ theory of government (you need to look this up in a diff. source!)

8. How/why the American Revolution could be described as a “conservative revolution”

Extension Questions:

1. Compare the ideas about the functions of government found in the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution (find it on the internet) with the textbook author’s views on the 5 main functions of government. How are they similar? Different? Do any seem invalid to you? Are some functions missing (from either statement) that you would include?

2. Locke argued that, in extreme cases, people have a right to violently rebel against their government. If he was living in the American colonies in the 1770s do you think Locke would have agreed with those who argued a war was justified? Explain why or why not.