U.S. Government Notes:

I. Democratic Republic
   A. Three branches
      1. Executive – makes sure that laws get obeyed
         a. President – “Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces”
         b. Vice President
         c. Cabinet (group of people who advise the president)
         d. Line of succession:
            i. Vice President
            ii. Speaker of the House
            iii. President pro tempore of the Senate
            iv. Secretary of State
            v. Secretary of the Treasury
            vi. Secretary of Defense
            vii. Attorney General
            viii. Secretary of the Interior
            ix. Secretary of Agriculture
            x. Secretary of Commerce
      2. Judiciary – decides if laws follow the Constitution (a document that give us laws)
         a. United States Supreme Court – highest court in the land
         b. They have the last say on all the laws
      3. Legislative – makes and votes on laws
         a. House of Representatives
            i. Based on states’ population
            ii. 435 of them
         b. Senate
            i. Equally distributed to each state
            ii. Each state gets two regardless of size