**The British Parliament: Executive and Legislative in One!**

1. Describe parliamentary sovereignty (on the Constitution page.)
2. What is devolution and what powers have been devolved to the legislatures of Wales, Northern Ireland, and Scotland?
3. What is the European Union, and what is the European Parliament? What happens when European and UK law conflict?
4. Describe the two house system of the British Parliament. What are Select Committees, General Committees?
5. Describe the House of Commons, and how do MPs hold the Government accountable for policy decisions?
6. What is the Government, and where do they sit? What is the Opposition, and where do they sit? What is the Cabinet, and where do they sit? Who is the Speaker of the House and how is his or her role different than the Speaker of the US House of Representatives?
7. Describe the three main roles of the House of Lords.
8. Who are the Lord Speaker and Crossbenchers? Who can be a member of the House of Lords?
9. Describe the route of a bill through Parliament. What is a White Paper?
10. What are the five types of elections, and briefly define each type.
11. What is the difference between the first past the post voting system and the Alternative Vote?
12. Now, go to <http://www.debate.org/opinions/is-a-parliamentary-form-of-government-better-than-a-presidential-form-of-government>.

Which do you think is better: a presidential or parliamentary form of government?

Use this site to defend your position. Bring in ten to fifteen reasons (with factual backup) to support your position. We will have a short debate regarding this issue on Wednesday.