**American Government**

**The Student Forum – November 2013**

**Balanced Budget Amendment –** page 2 and 5

1. What does having a balanced budget mean?
2. List 2 of the arguments of those in favor of a balanced budget amendment.

A)

B)

1. List 3 of the arguments of those opposed to a balanced budget amendment.

A)

B)

C)

1. What are your thoughts about forcing the federal government to balance the budget?

**Domestic Energy and the Keystone XL Pipeline -** page 3 and 5

1. Where would the Keystone XL Pipeline run?
2. Explain the controversy involving the pipeline.
3. List arguments of those in favor of the pipeline.
4. List arguments of those opposed to the pipeline.

**Raising the Debt Ceiling and Reopening the Government**- p. 4

1. What was the biggest issue Republicans had with raising the debt ceiling last fall?
2. How long was the federal government partially shut down? What were the effects of the shut down?
3. How did the disagreement between Democrats and Republicans end?