Bureaucracy Reading Questions

James Q. Wilson *Bureaucracy: What Government Agencies Do and Why They Do It*

1. What are some distinctions in characteristics of public and private enterprise? (Read over the introduction)
2. Describe some differences in the atmosphere of the Registry of Motor Vehicles and McDonalds.
3. Name three misconceptions about bureaucracies?
4. What are the three key constraints on bureaucracies?
5. Why are agencies not incentivized to scrimp and save?
6. Describe four distinctions between acquiring and using factors of production in public and private enterprises.
7. According to Wilson the complexities in hiring, purchasing, contracting, and budgeting are the result of what?
8. Why can the Registry not justify additional expenditures?
9. Why are there still clients at the Register of Motor Vehicles?
10. Do you agree with Wilson and think bureaucracies are too different to be run like a business?

Paul Light *A Government Ill Executed*

1. Why does Light reference Federalist 70?
2. Why are Americans getting the government they deserve?
3. What are the seven trends embedded in the erosion of government?
4. What now serves as the motivation for seeking a job in the federal bureaucracy?
5. Would you want a job in the bureaucracy?