Chapter 12: The Presidency Pt. I (pgs. 323-337)

I. Introduction (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. *Critical Thinking*: Why do you think popular support for the President fluctuates so much? Explain.

II. Foundations of the Modern Presidency (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. *Critical Thinking*: Why did the founders have a hard time defining how the office of president would operate? Explain.

B. *Critical Thinking*: How could the power to implement laws be important? Explain.

C. Define **Whig Theory**

D. Define **Stewardship Theory**

E. *Critical Thinking*: Why do modern presidents reject the Whig Theory of presidential power? Explain.

F. *Critical Thinking*: In a crisis why do people look to the President and not Congress? Explain.

III. Choosing the President (Summarize the main points in **two** good paragraphs)

A. *Critical Thinking*: Why did the authors of the Constitution fear a powerful presidency? Explain.

B. *Critical Thinking*: What were the advantages and disadvantages of letting party leaders select presidential nominees? Explain.

C. Define **Open Party Caucuses**

D. *Critical Thinking*: What sacrifices would you have to be willing to make to run for president? Explain.

E. Define **Momentum (in campaigns)**

F. *Critical Thinking*: Why is money so important in running for president? Explain.

G. *Critical Thinking*: Since the presidential nominee is usually already decided before the national convention begins what is the purpose of the national convention today? Explain.

H. *Critical Thinking*: Do you think we should continue to use the Electoral College to elect the president? Explain.

I. Define **Unit Rule**

J. *Critical Thinking*: Why do you think Presidential debates usually don’t impact the race very much? Explain.

K. *Critical Thinking*: Why do you think Donald Trump was able to break the historical trend of generals and politicians being elected to the Presidency? Explain.

L. *Critical Thinking*: When do you think the United States will elect its first female president? Explain.

Quiz

Write two good multiple choice questions (not definitions) based on your reading in this section. Be sure to mark your correct answer.