Chapter 1 Reading Activity- Political Thinking: Becoming a Responsible Citizen (pgs. 11-19)

I. Politics and Power in America (Summarize the main points in **two** good paragraphs)

A. Define **Politics**

B. Define **Power**

C. *Critical Thinking*: Most people would describe a totalitarian government as bad. So if they are bad how do totalitarian governments come into power? Explain.

D. Define **Democracy**

E. Define **Majoritarianism**

F. Define **Pluralism**

G. Define **Authority**

H. *Critical Thinking*: Do you think elected officials in the United States listen more to what the majority of people want or to what special interests want? Explain.

I. Define **Constitutionalism**

J. Define **Judicial Action**

K. *Critical Thinking*: Constitutionalism protects the rights of people or groups that the majority of people may not like. Why is this protection important?

L. Define **Free Market System**

M. Define **Corporate Power**

N. Define **Elitism**

O. *Critical Thinking*: Why do you think a free market system has been more strongly supported in the United States than in many other countries around the world? Explain.

P. *Critical Thinking*: Do you believe that corporations and business have too much power in the United States? Explain.

Quiz

Write two good multiple choice questions (not definitions or T/F) based on your reading in this section. Be sure to mark your correct answer. Questions should have 4 answer choices.