Chapter 1 Reading Activity- Political Thinking: Becoming a Responsible Citizen (pgs. 3-11)

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

A. *Critical Thinking*: Why do you think so many Americans believed that Iraq was involved in the 9/11 attacks even though they were not? Explain.

B. *Critical Thinking*: Why do you think young Americans in particular are not well informed about government? Explain.

II. Learning to Think Politically (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. Define **Political Thinking**

B. *Critical Thinking*: Why has the increased amount of media available made media less trustworthy than ever before? Explain.

C. *Critical Thinking*: Describe a time when a political leader might “spin” a news story and how they might do that.

D. Define **Political Science**

E. *Critical Thinking*: Describe how you see the trait of individualism in the United States.

F. *Critical Thinking*: Why do you think the United States values higher education more than many European countries? Explain.

G. *Critical Thinking*: What might be some modern challenges facing the American education system? Explain.

Quiz

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