Chapter 2 Reading Activity- Constitutional Democracy (pgs. 37-51)

I. Protecting Liberty: Limited Government (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. Define **Liberty**

B. Define **Grants of Power**

C. Define **Denials of Power**

D. Define **Separation of Powers**

E. *Critical Thinking*: What are the advantages and disadvantages of dividing up the power of government? Explain.

F. Define **Separated Institutions Sharing Power**

G. Define **Checks and Balances**

H. *Critical Thinking*: Do you think our system of checks and balances still works well? Explain.

I. Define **Bill of Rights**

J. Define **Judicial Review**

K. What could happen in our government if the Supreme Court did not have the power of Judicial Review? Explain.

II. Providing for Self-Government (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. Define **Tyranny of the Majority**

B. *Critical Thinking*: Describe a scenario where the majority of people might want to restrict the rights of others based on a passionate issue?

C. Define **Democracy**

D. Define **Republic**

E. Define **Trustees**

F. *Critical Thinking*: In the eyes of the founders what was the difference between a democracy and a republic?

G. Define **Electoral College**

H. Define **Electoral Votes**

I. *Critical Thinking*: Why do you believe future generations of Americans changed parts of the Constitution to make it more responsive to popular majorities (see table 2-4)? Where these good decisions? Explain.

J. Define **Delegate**

K. Define **Primary Election**

L. *Critical Thinking*: Do you think parties or voters should choose a parties nominees for government office? Explain.

III. Constitutional Democracy Today (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. Define **Constitutional Democratic Republic**

B. *Critical Thinking*: If the Constitution was written today how might our government structure be different? 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.