Chapter 6 Reading Activity- Public Opinion and Political Socialization (pgs. 162-173)

I. Frames of Reference: How American Think Politically (starting at pg.162) (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. *Critical Thinking*: Do you believe religion is still a major force in American politics? Explain.

B. *Critical Thinking*: What region of the country would you say Kentucky is in? Explain.

C. *Critical Thinking*: What is one issue where you think age has a big impact on how someone views the issue? Explain.

II. The Measurement of Public Opinion (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. Define **Public Opinion Poll**

B. Define **Sample**

C. Define **Population**

D. Define **Sampling Error**

E. *Critical Thinking*: What skills would you need to be a good pollster? Explain.

F. *Critical Thinking:* Why would people lie to a pollster? Explain.

III. The Influence of Public Opinion on Policy (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. *Critical Thinking*: Why do you think many voters have and express contradictory political ideas? Explain.

B. *Critical Thinking*: When would politicians pay a lot of attention to public opinion and when would they ignore it? Explain.

C. *Critical Thinking*: In most cases do you think leaders drive public opinion or does public opinion drive leaders? Explain.

Quiz

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