9th Grade AP United States Government-Unit 2 Test Study Guide

*Be familiar with the following ideas, terms, and concepts for your unit 2 test which will cover chapters 6-7. The test questions are pulled from the text test bank so be sure you have read the chapters thoroughly and carefully.*

Public Opinion, what is it?, how do politicians react to it?, how does it impact the political process?

Political Socialization, what is it?,

Agents of socialization

Ideology and the political spectrum (liberals, conservatives, libertarians, populists, etc.)

Party identification, what can cause a shift

Group orientation, what are the groups and how do they typically vote, which groups are politically more powerful

Cross cutting cleavages

Public Opinion polls

Sample and Sampling Error

Problems with polls

Limits to public opinion

Self-government

Voter turnout and rates, who votes, comparison to other countries

Barriers to voting today and historically

Registration for voting

Apathy and alienation

Why do some people vote and not others, who is more likely to vote

Forms of political involvement besides voting

Protest activities