Chapter 7 Reading Activity- Political Participation: Activating the Popular Will (pgs. 179-195)

I. Introduction (No summary needed for this section)

A. Define **Political Participation**

B. *Critical Thinking*: Why do you think democracies differ so greatly in their levels of political participation? Explain.

II. Voter Participation (Summarize the main points in **two** good paragraphs)

 A. Define **Suffrage**

B. *Critical Thinking*: Why did states make owning property a requirement to vote in the early years of our country? Explain.

C. *Critical Thinking*: Why did you think voter turnout is so much lower in local elections than national elections? Explain.

D. Define **Registration**

E. *Critical Thinking*: Do you think strict voter registration laws are a positive or negative thing for our election process? Explain.

F. *Critical Thinking:* Do you think having election day on a Saturday would increase voter turnout? Explain.

G. *Critical Thinking:* Why do you think young voters vote at a lower rate than older voters? Explain.

H. Define **Apathy**

I. Define **Alienation**

J. Define **Civic Duty**

K. *Critical Thinking:* Do you believe it is your civic duty to vote? Explain.

III. Conventional Forms of Participation Other Than Voting (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. *Critical Thinking*: Would you ever consider volunteering for a political campaign? Explain.

B. *Critical Thinking*: What types of virtual participation do you think are most effective in politics? Explain.

C. *Critical Thinking*: Do you believe that the internet has been more of a positive or negative thing for our political culture? Explain.

IV. Unconventional Activism **and** Participation and the Potential for Influence(Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

1. Define **Social Movement**
2. *Critical Thinking*: Why do you think public support for protest activity is relatively low? Explain.
3. *Critical Thinking*: What is cause or issue you would be willing to attend a protest about? Explain.

Quiz

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