9th Grade AP United States Government-Unit 3 Test Study Guide

*Be familiar with the following ideas, terms, and concepts for your unit 3 test which will cover chapters 8-10. The test questions are pulled from the text test bank so be sure you have read the chapters thoroughly and carefully.*

Political parties-what are they, what purpose do they serve

Two party system-why it exists in the United States, effects

Third parties-types and effects

Party Realignments-what are they, what causes them, impacts

Founders view of parties-Washington, Madison

Party coalitions-what groups (age, gender, religion, region, etc.) lean toward which party today

Candidate centered vs Party centered campaigns and politics

Causes of decline in party power

Straight ticket vs split ticket voting

Party platforms

Patronage system

Campaign Finance, Hard money v soft money

*Citizens United v. FEC*

Lobbying and lobbyists-impact, good and bad

Interest groups-what are they, types, power

Labor unions

Free rider, tragedy of the commons, collective goods

PAC’s

Iron Triangle

Evolution of new media

Objective v Partisan media

FCC

Protection of the press in the United States

Roles of the media

Patterns of news consumption

Internet’s impact on news-positive and negative

Media as a business-impacts on types of news coverage