

## Key Concepts – Unit 2

### Chapter 5:

- Political Parties
- Major & minor parties
- Jobs of Political Parties
- Two-Party System
  - Why it started
  - Why we still have it
  - Electoral system and how it protects the two-party system
- Multi-party systems
- One-party systems
- Factors for party identification (122-123)
- History of two-party system
  - Federalists/Anti-Federalists (a.k.a. Jeffersonian Republicans, Democratic Republicans)
  - Democrats/Whigs
  - Republicans/Democrats (Lincoln-Hoover)
  - Democrats/Republicans (FDR-LBJ)
  - Divided Rule (Nixon-GWB)
- Minor Parties
  - Types & Examples
  - Why people join
  - Why they are important
  - Ross Perot/1992
- Future of Major Parties (p. 141-142)

### Chapter 6:

- History of voting Rights
- Trends in the expansion of the electorate/voting rights
- Stages in the extension of suffrage
- Voter Qualifications
  - Historical (Literacy, Tax, etc.)
  - Current (Age, residency, citizenship, other)
- Voter Registration (why, how it works, requirements)
- Voter purging
- Criticism and support for voter registration
- Be able to explain what these are and what role they played in the expansion of suffrage
  - Important Amendments/Legislation: 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Important Laws: Indian Citizenship Act (1924), Civil Rights Acts (1957, 1964), Voting Rights Act (1965), Motor Voter Law (1995)
- Gerrymandering
- Voter Behavior
  - Statistics of non-voter population
  - Non-voting voters, ballot fatigue, differences in turn-out between major and minor elections
  - Reasons why people don't vote
  - Characteristics about voters v. non-voters
  - Factors that influence voter behavior (be able to explain these)
    - Personal characteristics
    - Group affiliation

### Chapter 7

- The Nomination Process
  - Primaries (and types), Caucuses
  - Convention (what happens there?)
  - Nomination
- Election
  - When general elections happen
  - Help America Vote Act (2002)
  - Early Voting/Absentee Ballot
  - Coattail Effect
  - Process
    - Precinct
    - Polling Place
    - Ballot
  - Types of Ballots (characteristics, advantages/disadvantages)
    - Australian Ballot & Types
    - Electronic Voting Counting
      - Paper ballot
      - Electronic voting
    - Vote by mail
    - Online voting
- Money and Elections
  - Sources of Funding
  - Campaign Finance Regulation
    - Federal Election Campaign Act (1971)
    - Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (a.k.a. McCain-Feingold) (2002)
    - Limits of Contributions
    - Limits on Expenditures
    - Public Funding
  - Hard Money
  - Soft Money & PACs

### Chapter 8

- Public Opinion
- Influences on Public Opinion
- Measuring Public Opinion/Polls
  - Types of Polls
  - Polling process
  - Valid questions
  - Importance/relevance of results
- Mass Media and how it influences Public Opinion
  - Importance of television
  - Newspapers
  - Magazines
  - The Internet
- Limits on the Media's influence on Public Opinion

### Chapter 9

- Interest groups & political parties
- Functions of interest groups
- Types of interest groups
- How they influence public opinion
  - Propaganda
  - Lobbying