

Unit 5 Study Guide - Government and Politics

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Topics 10/11 : Voting and Elections

Hour _____

Definitions and examples

Central Questions

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1. **Define** registration (voting)

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2. **Define** off-year elections

3. **Define** ballot fatigue

4. **Define** political efficacy

5. **Define** political socialization

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6. **Define** absentee voting

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7. **Define** public opinion polls

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8. **Define** interest group

9. **Define** public policy

10.2 Your right to vote

1. **Identify** the universal criteria for voting

2. **Identify** the qualifications for voting in Minnesota

10.3 Voting Trends

3. **Identify and explain** TWO reasons why people do not vote.

4. **Identify and explain** the sociological factors that influence voters.

5. **Identify and explain** the psychological factors that influence voters.

10.4 The Voting Process

6. **Explain** the purpose of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.

7. **Explain** how administration of elections in the U.S. help make democracy work.

10.5 Public Opinion and Polling

8. **Explain** the different ways to measure public opinion

10.7 Understanding Interest Groups

9. **Explain** the role of interest groups in the U.S. political system.

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10. **Define** political party

11. **Define** political spectrum

12. **Define** single member district

13. **Define** plurality

14. **Define** bipartisan

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15. **Define** winner-take-all

11.1 Political Parties and what they do

10. Identify the functions that political parties perform.

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11. Explain why America has had and continues to have a two-party system.

12. Explain how third and minor parties have an impact on American politics.

11.3 Electing the President

13. Explain how the electoral college determines the election of the U.S. president.