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**Reading Guide – AP Government**

**Pages 3-18 – Due 11/9**

**50 points**

Terms to know: The definitions of these terms are in the margins of the text. I strongly recommend that you get the definitions into your notebook. I am sure it will seem like busy work, but you need to figure out a way to deal with these words. It is essential that you understand them. Please identify terms that you aren’t fully confident with and ask questions in class to better your understanding.

government factions separation of powers checks and balances federalism

public goods collective action problem free rider problem politics

free market economic individualism redistributive tax policies culture wars

ideology conservative liberal

1) Read the introduction on pages 3 and 4. What is the point of this story?

2) What is the classification system developed by Aristotle to distinguish types of government? How can the third type be further refined? 6

3) Summarize James Madison’s basic views on government. Be sure to talk about factions. 7

4) What are the three ways that U.S. government is divided to avoid factions? 7-8

5) Compare the collective action problem with the free rider problem. 8

6) As a review from economics…What are things that government does? 8

7) Explain in basic terms each of the three key ideas about politics. 9

8) Identify the essential points (in bulleted form) for each of three key ideas about politics. 9-14

9) Briefly explain with appropriate detail the sources of conflict in American Politics. 15-18

10) In a short paragraph, summarize the chapter.

\*\*\*Questions 8 and 9 are at the heart of the chapter. Please make sure you understand these topics and get sufficient notes in your responses.\*\*\*