AP US Government – Reading Guide – Chapter 6 – Part I – Pages 163-175

Due Monday, January 25th

Value: 35 points

Terms: party organization party in government party in the electorate

party system party principle spoils system political machine New Deal Coalition

realignment national committee political action committee 527 Organization

brand names caucus (congressional) party identification party coalitions

**Concepts:**

**Introduction**

1) What is the Tea Party and how does it fit into the modern party system? 161-162

**Parties and Party Systems (163-169)**

2) What does it mean that American political parties are decentralized? 163-164

3) Create a diagram that relates the three “independent pieces” of American political parties. 164

4) What are the essential details of each of the five party systems? 164-168

5) What are the essential details of the current party system? Be sure you are very clear on this! 168

6) What causes realignment of party systems? 168-169

**Modern American Political Parties (169-175)**

7) What are the important parts and roles of the “Party Organization”? 169-170

8) What are the limits of the party organization? 170-171

9) How does the “Party in Government” work? How is this organized? 171-172

10) What are some of the current issues or trends regarding policy positions of the parties? 172-173

11) What are the trends in terms of party identification within the “Party in the Electorate”? Pay particular attention to the graph on page 174. 173-174

12) What does the graph on page 175 tell us?