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Reading Guide – AP United States Government – Chapter 6, Part II – Pages 175-186

Due Wednesday Jan 27 - Value: 35 points

**Terms:** primary caucus (electoral) nominating convention

party platform unified government party in power divided government

**Concepts**:

**The Role of Political parties in American Politics (175-183)**

1) What is the dual role that parties play in American politics? (175)

2) Summarize the table on page 176. This holds very important information.

3) Summarize the table on page 177. This holds very important information.

4) Describe the party’s role in recruiting and nominating candidates. (176-178)

5) Be able to differentiate between the types of primaries. (see table on page 178)

6) The graphic on page 179 is important – I would get this into your notes.

7) What is the party’s role in raising money? (180)

8) What is the purpose of a party platform? (180-181)

9) What are the three roles of parties in creating “cooperative government?” (181)

10) What is agenda setting? (182)

11) What are some examples of “coordination?” (182)

12) ¡Muy Importante! What is the difference between a “unified” and “divided” government? What are the advantages of each situation? What are the disadvantages of each situation? (182-183)

**Minor Parties (183-186)**

13) What is the role(s) of minor parties in the U.S. political system? A bulleted summary would probably work best for this. (183-186)