**Elections & Campaigns Study Guide**

Vocabulary to Know:

* Sovereignty -
* Democracy -
* Representative Government -
* Dictatorship -
* Electoral College -
* Nomination -
* Nonpartisan versus Partisan elections -
* Coattail Effect -
* Gender Gap -
* Political Socialization -
* Political efficacy -
* Disenfranchised -
* Political Ideology -
* Primary vs. Caucus -

Key Understandings to Know (hint: be able to talk about/describe these topics)

* Characteristics of “State”
* Concepts of Democracy (6 of them)
* Political Socialization and where/how we get our political ideology
* Political Ideology versus Political Party
* Conservative versus Liberal beliefs/statements
	+ How these ideologies view the government involvement in social and economic issues
	+ Specific social and economic issues/topics
* Demographics
	+ How political ideologies (Conservatives and Liberals) are related to demographics
* “Road to the White House”
	+ Steps to becoming President of the United States
* Primaries versus Caucuses
* Reasons for Low Voter Turnout in elections
	+ Related to sociological or demographic factors
	+ Ways that a government requirement may decrease voter turnout
* Timeline of voting changes (increasing the voting population) through history