**9th Semester 1 Culture & Civics Study Guide**

**Culture Unit**

Memorize & be able to provide examples of:

* 8 Cultural Universals
* 5 Themes of Geography (MR. HELP)
* Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs

Abrahamic Religion

* Monotheism – *What does that mean? How does it relate to the Abrahamic religions?*
* Abraham - *Who was he? Why is he so important to these three religions?*
* Judaism, Christianity, Islam
  + Who (individual(s)) do they trace their origins to?
  + Basic belief systems – review the reading
  + Holy Book / Name for god
  + Views towards the other Abrahamic religions

**Civics Unit:**

Unit 1: Foundations of American Government

* Locke, Montesquieu, Rousseau, Hobbes
  + What were their ideas?
  + Whose ideas inspired our American government? How so?
* 5 main concept of Enlightenment
* Articles of Confederation – why did it fail?
* Constitution
  + Structure: Preamble, Articles, Amendments
  + Bill of Rights – what is the purpose (don’t need to memorize all 10)
  + 6 Guiding Principles of the Constitution (don’t need to memorize but need to be able to explain what each one means)

Unit 3: Branches of Gov

* Legislative, Executive, Judicial
  + Who are they made up of?
  + What are their duties? General duties *– do not need to be specific with every specific power*
* Checks and balances
* Executive Order
  + How does it work?
  + Which branches check EO?
  + What are the supports and criticism?
* Impeachment
  + Why did the founders set up the impeachment process?
  + Who can be impeached?
  + What are the three things you can get impeached on?

Unit 4: Civil Rights & Civil Liberties

* Civil Liberties
  + Definitions & examples
* Civil Rights
  + Definition & examples
* 14th Amendment
  + What does it say?
  + How does it protect our civil liberties?
* Japanese Internment
  + How was it a violation of civil rights/liberties?

Unit 5: Citizenship & Civic Participation

* Citizenship
  + What are the two types of American citizenship?
  + Is citizenship defined in the constitution?
  + What is the naturalization process?
  + What are the rights and duties of citizens? Vs. the rights and duties of legal residents?
  + What is the debate over birthright (jus soli) citizenship?
    - 14th Amendment
    - Supreme Court Case: United States v. Kim Wong Ark
* Civic Participation
  + What is “social capital”?
  + How do we promote social capital?
* Political Culture
  + What are the shared American values?
  + What are the 5 broad political ideologies in the United States?
* Political Parties
  + What are the founding father’s opinion on political parties?
  + Does the constitution address political parties?
  + How did political parties come about?
  + What are the two political parties in the United States?
* Special Interest Groups
  + What’s the purpose of special interest groups? Why do people join them?
  + Examples of special interest groups?
  + What makes interest groups powerful?
  + What is a Political Action Committee (PAC)?
  + What are other ways interest groups can influence policies (besides donating money to a candidate)?
* Redistricting/Gerrymandering
  + Apportionment & redistricting – why do we need to do this every 10 years?
  + What is gerrymandering?
  + What are the arguments for and against gerrymandering?
  + Who commits gerrymandering?

Unit 6: Foreign Policy

* Which branch is responsible for making foreign policy / foreign policy decisions?
* What are the 5 goals of US foreign policy?
* What are examples of American foreign policy?
* What are the two tools of foreign policy?
* What are examples of soft power?
* What are examples of hard power?
* Does the public’s opinion impact foreign policy?