**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?