

NAME:

DATE:

PERIOD:

**Chapter 12 – VOTING AND VOTER BEHAVIOR**

Before you start reading, look at the **ESSENTIAL QUESTION** –

*How are voting rights protected, and how have voting procedures been altered to respond to challenges?*

1. What is the most common form of *political participation*?
2. Who are the *electorate*?
3. Describe the **evolution** of voting in the United States by creating a **timeline** of who can vote, what expanded their right to vote, and when –
  
4. Describe each of the following structural **barriers to voting** –
  - a. **Literacy test:**
  - b. **Poll Tax:**
  - c. **Grandfather Clause:**
  - d. **White Primary:**
5. Describe the provisions of the **Voting Rights Act of 1965** –
  
6. Define the term **Voter Turnout** –
  - a. Describe voter turnout in the United States over time –
  - b. Explain why voter turnout has declined significantly in the last 50 years –
7. Explain why voters might turn out more for *presidential elections* versus *midterm elections* –
  
8. Explain why people who have the right to vote don't vote –
  - a. **Political efficacy** –
9. Explain why younger voters might have a lower sense of efficacy than older voters –
  
10. Explain how political outcomes could change if more restrictions were lifted –
  
11. Explain why *exit polls* are useful for drawing conclusions regarding voter outcomes –

NAME:

DATE:

PERIOD:

12. Describe each other following trends in voting based on demographics (this is a review, but it's worth going over again): \*Make sure you account for why there's a difference!

a. **GENDER:**

b. **AGE:**

c. **MINORITIES:**

d. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:**

e. **BUSINESS, LABOR, UNIONS:**

13. Describe the differences between each of the following voting models -

a. ***Rational-choice voting:***

b. ***Retrospective voting:***

c. ***Prospective voting:***

d. ***Party-line voting:***

14. Describe the influence of ***party identification*** on someone's voting choice -

15. Describe "***candidate-centered campaigns***" -

16. Describe other factors that influence voter choice -

17. Describe the purpose of the ***motor-voter law*** -

18. I had never heard of (HAVA) before just this in this book, but it sounds important so know that

19. Explain how the debacle that was the 2000 presidential election actually helped the voting process -

20. Describe the criticism toward voter ID laws (this is VERY relevant and VERY partisan issue) -

***Answer FRQ's 1 & 2 for this chapter on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this.***