

**AP US GOVERNMENT & POLITICS  
UNIT 3 - LINKAGE INSTITUTIONS (Ch 7, 8 & 11)**

**CH 8 POLITICAL PARTIES**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>CH READING</b>	<b>WHAT'S DUE</b>
<b>W Nov 28</b>	<p><b>*EQ #15- What do Political Parties do in the US? In what ways are they Linkage Institutions?</b></p> <p>*What do parties do? *How is the focus of US parties different than elsewhere? *What is the Downs Model?</p>	Begin Ch 8 Pp. 247-250	<p>*C-Notes / Lecture *FRQ #1- Political Parties (write in class)</p>
<b>TH Nov 29</b>	<p>*What are the THREE parts of political parties in the US? *Why does the US have a two-party system? Is that common?</p>	Pp. 251-257	<p>*C-Notes / Lecture *Evaluate FRQ #1</p>
<b>F Nov 30</b>	<p><b>EQ # 16- What is the history of political parties in the US?</b></p> <p>*What are the FIVE Political Party Eras/ Systems? *Which parties dominated? Which demographic groups made up each party in each era? *Describe our current party era</p>	Pp. 258-265	<p>*C-Notes / Lecture * Activity- Political Party Eras</p>
<b>M Dec 3</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL / Tri 1 Grading</b>		
<b>T Dec 4</b>	<p>*What are Third / Minor Parties? What roles do they play in US politics? *What is the overall effect of Parties on US Government?</p>	Pp 266-268	<p>*C-Notes / Lecture * Article- Obstacles to Third Parties</p>
<b>W Dec 5</b>	<p>*Chapter Wrap-Up / Review *HW Ch 8 Political Parties *Quiz Ch 8 Political Parties</p>		<p><b>*Ch 8 HW Due</b> <b>*Ch 8 Quiz</b></p>
<b>Th Dec 6</b>	Begin Ch 11- Interest Groups		