AP Government and Politics

Unit 3 Items of Importance

The list below contains the items that you will be tested on for the Unit 2 test. While we may have not have covered every item in class, you have access to the textbook, the vocabulary, the notes online, any assignments that you have completed, and your foundational documents. For each term, you should know not only its meaning, but its practical application. For Supreme Court cases, you should know the Constitutional question, the decision, and its impact.

* Gerrymandering
  + Definition, purpose, equal protection clause, malapportionment, *Baker v. Carr, Shaw v. Reno*
* Impact of third parties on elections
  + How electoral college and plurality winner congressional districts effect
* Characteristics of a typical Republican and Democratic voter
* Types of primaries and purpose
* Public opinion polls
  + What makes a valid poll, impact on elections and campaigns
* The weakening of political parties
  + Dealignment
  + Decentralization of power
  + Diversity in the Republican/Democratic Party
  + Why third parties cannot succeed in the current system
* Critical realignment election and what it means
* Aging and political participation
* Types of political participation