**Questions for Chapter 8**

1. What is a political party?

2. What is the difference between party centered campaigns and candidate centered campaigns?

3. What is a linkage institution?

4. When did parties begin in the United States? What were the three main issues?

5. When and how did they continue in the U.S.?

6. What was the main issue that divided the parties?

7. Describe a grassroots campaign/party and provide the first example in American politics?

8. Describe who you think would be a contemporary example of a grassroots candidate?

9. Was there ever in America a time when there was only one political party?

10. What is party realignment? What are the four main reasons why this takes place? Describe the following realignments: 1850s, reconstruction, 1896 presidential election, Great Depression, 1964 presidential election, 1980 presidential election, 2010 congressional elections.

12. Describe the difference between straight ticket voting and split ticket voting?

13. Explain the difference between two party systems and multiparty systems?

14. Explain the difference between single member districts and proportional representation? How is this related to the previous question?

15. What is the median voter theory?

16. Using the chart on page 229, describe the Democratic Party/Republican Party coalitions.

17. List, describe and provide an example of the four types of minor parties.

19. Describe the three types of primaries in the US.

20. Describe the three types of party organizations.

18. Are there limits in the amount of money people and corporations can donate to candidates? Describe the difference between hard money and soft money in American politics.

19. Are there limits in the amount of money people and corporations can spend on campaigns? What Supreme Court case answered this question?

20. What are the stages in running for a seat in a state legislature, Congress, or governor?

Research, Decision, Raise money, Announce, Hire consultants/volunteers, Signatures, Packaging, Three wars, Debates, Primary election, MMM, Three wars, Debates, General election

21. Describe the difference between retrospective voting and prospective voting.

**Know Key Terms**