**Ch. 10-12 Political Parties/Voting Test Study Guide**

**When someone has a clear point of view that can be defined as their personal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**What is the Electoral College?**

**What is a political spectrum?**

**Define *bias***

**What are the two main political parties in the US today?**

**Define *lobbyist***

**What kind of party system does the US use?**

**Define *platform***

**If states are electing more Democrats for governors, how is that likely to affect federal policy/laws?**

**What is the focus of the Communist Party?**

**What does it mean when the media “serves as a watchdog”?**

**How do citizens protect themselves from political bias in the media?**

**Define *plank***

**What was the case *Bush v. Gore (2000)* about? What was the result?**

**Define *interest group***

**What would be more effective in order to influence our government: signing petitions or watching political debates on YouTube?**

**What issues do Democrats typically focus on/support?**

**If you wanted to learn about a candidates views or policies, which source would be more reliable: their voting record during their time in Congress or a TV commercial sponsored by a political party?**

**How do political action committees support potential candidates?**

**Define *propaganda***

**Define *political party***

**How do Republicans typically view spending in government or taxes?**

**Define *popular vote***

**Define *primary election***

**Define *symbolism***