**Unit 1 – Civics Test Study Guide**

***Political Spectrum Questions:***

1. Where do most Americans identify themselves on the spectrum?
2. What are the ideologies on the far right of the spectrum? Far Left?
3. What are the basic beliefs of liberals?
4. What are the basic beliefs of conservatives?
5. What group is known as “the left”?
6. What group is known as “the right”?
7. What ideology does the Republican Party align with?
8. What ideology does the Democratic Party align with?
9. Understand what liberals and conservatives believe on the following issues.
   * School Vouchers
   * Gun control
   * Gay Rights
   * Role of Government
   * Abortion
   * Fossil Fuel Use
   * Death Penalty
   * Welfare
   * Taxes
   * Climate Change
   * Illegal Immigration
   * Military Spending
   * Affirmative Action
   * Separation of Church and State
   * Business Regulations
   * Physician Assisted Suicide
   * Social Security
   * Terrorism

***Media:***

1. Why is mass media considered the fourth branch of government?
2. Do most Americans understand current issues at an in-depth level?
3. Define the following:
   * Gatekeeper:
   * Scorekeeper:
   * Watchdog:
   * Selective Attention:
   * Selective Perception:
   * Selective Exposure:

***Political Participation:***

1. What groups of people are most likely to vote?
2. What are the voting qualifications that a state must follow?
3. Who cannot vote?
4. What ethnic groups have increased voter participation in recent years?
5. What did the following Constitutional Amendments do?
   * 15th:
   * 19th:
   * 23rd:
   * 24th:
   * 26th:
6. Be able to look at a graph and/or Exit Poll to explain voting patterns.