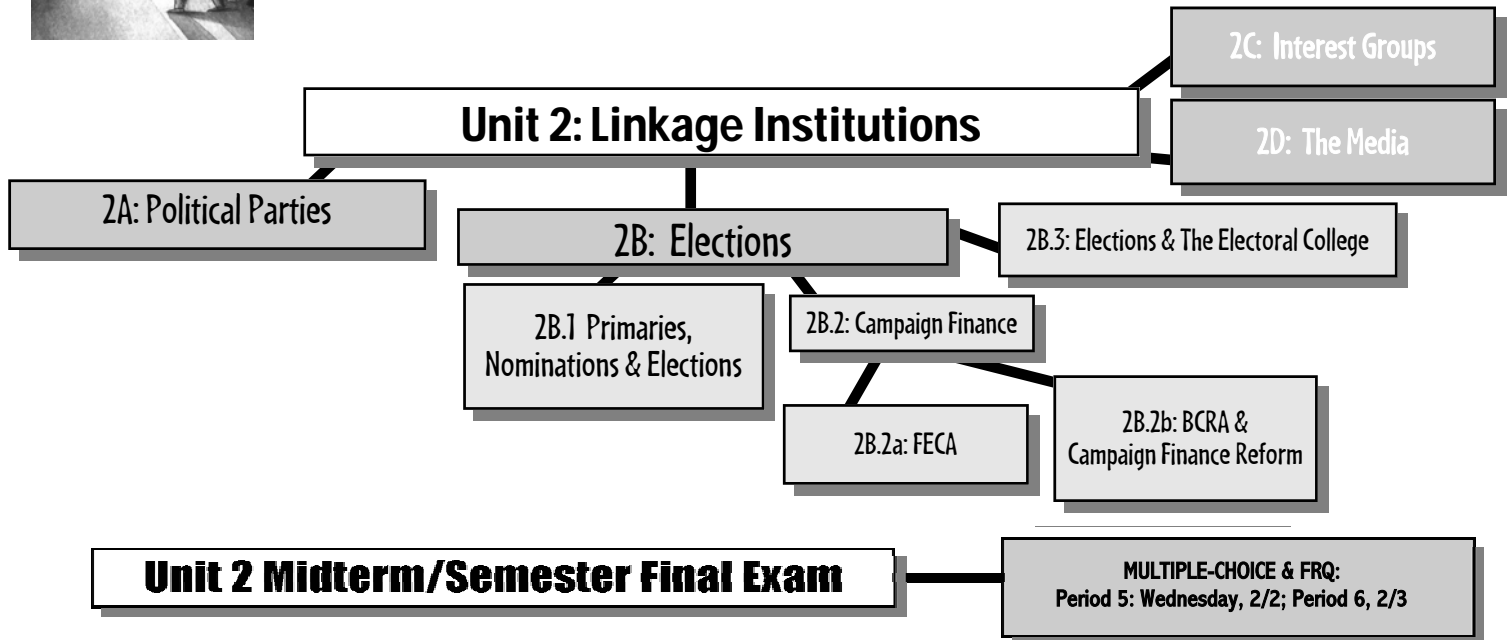




APGAP Unit Concept Map

UNIT 2: LINKAGE INSTITUTIONS

The "Bridge" Between People & Government



APGAP Fall Semester FINAL EXAM

STUDY GUIDE for SECTION 2: Free-Response

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(O'Connor, Chapters 11-16/Lineberry, Chapters 6-11/Supplemental Readings)

Wondering what to review for the FRQ section of your Semester Final Exam? Review these topics and think about the format of APGAP essays— how could these topics be asked in an FRQ?

- **Political parties**— How and why have political parties declined over the past thirty years? In what ways are parties still important in the U.S. electoral system? How have the Republican and Democrat parties changed? What about third parties?
- **Elections**— How has the election of the president changed over the past forty years? What role does each of the following play in causing that change?: *primaries & caucuses, the decline in political parties, the media, the electoral college, the national convention, money & campaign finance*
- **The 2008 election**— In what ways did the current presidential election fit the patterns of presidential elections? In what ways does it differ? Think about all of the following: *primaries & caucuses, the decline in political parties, the media, the electoral college, money & campaign finance*
- **Campaign Finance**— How did BCRA attempt to change and repair FECA? In what ways was it successful? In what ways has it been largely unsuccessful? What are some current criticisms of the role of money in politics?