**Government Unit 2**  Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Key Terms**  Per\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Directions: Write the definition of each Key Term in the space provided.*

*Write a sentence (in your own words) describing the significance or importance of each Key Term to our U.S. Government.*

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| 1. political party | Definition |
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| Significance or importance |
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| 2. coalition government | Definition |
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| Significance or Importance |
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| 3. minor/third Parties | Definition |
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| Significance or Importance |
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| 4. partisan/bipartisan | Definition |
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| Significance or Importance |
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| 5. precinct | Definition |
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| Significance or Importance |
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| 6. gerrymandering | Definition |
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| Significance or Importance |
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| 7. Patronage | Definition |
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| Significance or Importance |
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| 8. platform | Definition |
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| 9. political action committees | Definition |
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| Significance or Importance |
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| 10. soft money | Definition |
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| Significance or Importance |
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| 11. suffrage | Definition |
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| 12. grandfather clause | Definition |
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| 13. poll tax | Definition |
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| 14. straight/ split ticket voting | Definition |
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| Significance or Importance |
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| 15. interest groups | Definition |
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| Significance or Importance |
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| 16. lobbying/ lobbists | Definition |
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| Significance or Importance |
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| 17. incumbent | Definition |
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| 18. opinion polls | Definition |
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| 19. mass media | Definition |
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| 20. political socialization | Definition |
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| Significance or Importance |
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| 21. libel | Definition |
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| Significance or Importance |
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| 22. trial ballon | Definition |
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