Chapter 9 Voting and Elections Writing Prompts

9.1: Electoral College

A significant feature of Electoral College is that most states have a winner take all system.

- a. Describe the winner-take-all feature of the Electoral College.
- b. Explain one way in which the winner-take-all feature of the Electoral College affects how presidential candidates from the two major parties run their campaigns.
- c. Explain one way in which the winner-take-all feature of the Electoral College hinders third party candidates.

9.2: Voter Turnout

Voter Turnout in the United States is lower than in many countries.

- a. Identify and Explain one formal requirement that reduces voter turnout.
- b. Identify and explain another formal requirement that reduces voter turnout.
- c. Identify and Explain one reason-other than the formal requirements for voting-why citizens might choose not to vote.
- d. Describe one proposal for raising the level of voter turnout and explain why it might be effective.