Review for Unit Test on Civic Engagement Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Directions**: Answer the following questions using the notes in your notebook, your textbook and a partner. The purpose is to help you better understand the main points of the unit we just completed on civic engagement.

1. What is the **public sphere**? Explain using words and a picture of what you think a public sphere is and how it helps influence what government eventually does.

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1. If you were to draw what a “public agenda” might look like, what might be on that list? Explain in a sentence or two what the difference is between the public agenda and the public sphere from question 1.

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1. Once an issue is on the public agenda, sometimes it can become “public policy”. What does this mean? Can you provide one example of an issue that has become public policy? (Hint: Destin Beaches and construction along highway 98) Explain what a public policy is using either one of these examples?

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1. What is the media? What role does the media play in what you see an hear every day on TV? Explain in a few sentences below.

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1. What does the term “bias” mean? Do you have a bias? Explain in a few sentences what bias means?

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1. Eventually the government will have to decide what it is going to do or NOT do about an issue. What impact could the government have on an issue that it may decide on that could have an effect on YOUR life? Try and think of one example of a government decision that has or could have an impact on your life and explain in a few sentences below.

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1. The media has often been called the “**watchdog**” of democracy? What does this mean? If you were to explain what this was in a picture, what could you draw that would show your understanding of the media’s important role of guarding America against rulers who might want to abuse or misuse their power? You can complete this in the space below or on a blank sheet of 8 ½ by 11 inch paper.

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1. What is the difference between “**publicly owned**” and “**privately owned**” media? Is the only difference that private media has a single owner and the public media is paid for by the society? (Is that it or is there a bigger difference between the news you may see on a private station and one that is public? Explain in a few sentences below.

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1. What is the best way to make sure that YOU are informed in today’s largely privatized media? Explain below.

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1. Draw one small picture of a private media logo and one small picture of a publicly owned media. Make sure you label them either private or publicly owned. You may do this in the space below.

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1. Identify three ways that individuals can influence their own government?
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5. Why is the “right to petition your government” an important right in American society? Explain in a few sentences below.

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1. What is propaganda and what do you think it is such an important tool for government and the media?

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1. Identify four of the seven propaganda techniques.
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6. If you had to choose your favorite propaganda technique, which one would it be and why? Which one do YOU think is the most effective one?

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