**Chapter Ten - Writing & Project Assignments**

**Writing**

1. Compare and contrast political party competition in Texas and three other states.

CT, COMM

1. Compare and contrast the responsible party model with the electoral competition model. Be sure to address the benefits and drawbacks of each system.

CT, COMM, SR

1. What are the consequences of weak political parties in Texas? Should political parties be strengthened or are there reasons why the present system is more desirable?

CT, COMM, SR

**Projects**

1. Break students into groups and ask them to develop a voter mobilization strategy for one of the following groups:
   * + Hispanics
     + Asian Americans
     + 18-24 year olds

Each group should present their plan to the class as a whole. Ask students to critique the potential effectiveness of the other groups’ plans after their presentation.

CT, COMM, PR, SR

1. Put students in teams and charge them with the task of creating a new political party. The parties should develop a party platform listing their stance on important issues facing the state. Their presentation should include their party platform and a stance on the responsible versus electoral competition party model.

CT, COMM, PR, SR