**Questions from the Reading**

1. What is the public sphere?
2. What links us together as one large community?
3. What three levels do discussions in the public sphere exist at?
4. What is an agenda?
5. What is the public agenda?
6. What does public spotlight mean?
7. Who has used their celebrity to call attention to hunger in America?
8. What does public opinion mean?
9. How are public opinions measured?
10. What is a poll?
11. What is a sample?
12. What is public policy?
13. What 2 things does a government’s stand on an issue affect?
14. If a huge proportion of society is talking about an issue, what is the government most likely to do?
15. What is public policy is influenced by?
16. In a country where voters decide who gets to be in government and who doesn’t, what can have a big impact on government?

**Critical Thinking Review – Answer Yes or No**

1. Do people in Maine have the exact same public agenda as people in Florida?
2. Are some issues on the public agenda in both Maine and Florida?
3. Would “pass my math test” be on the public agenda?
4. Is “texting while driving” an issue on the public agenda?
5. Do all important issues reach the public sphere?
6. Could a celebrity’s new haircut be discussed in the public sphere?
7. Would a terrorist attack be discussed in the global public sphere?
8. Would there be a public policy about keeping your room clean?
9. Does a public opinion poll survey every single American?
10. Does public opinion influence public policy?
11. Do discussions in the public sphere influence public policy?
12. Can celebrities influence the public sphere?

**Mislabeled! Each list of words represents one concept from the reading, but someone forgot to finish the titles. Use the words below to complete the notes.**

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**Word Bank:**

Policy

Sphere

Agenda

Opinion

Public \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Government
* Actions
* Laws

Public \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Majority
* Sample
* Poll

Public \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Solutions
* Priorities
* List

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Public \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Community
* Discussion
* Stage