Discussion Paper #3: Primis #10

What? Please complete a summary for Reading #10, “Conditions for Democracy”

How? Use the form and space below and write carefully and legibly.

When? Due in class, Monday, January 26, 2004 (5 points)

In your view, what are the minimal “conditions” necessary for the consolidation of democracy? Use real-world examples from the reading.

What is a democratic political culture? Give examples. How is it important to the consolidation of democracy?

Briefly evaluate Poland’s democratization process by commenting on strengths and weaknesses. Have they consolidated their democracy?

Briefly evaluate Romania’s democratization process by commenting on strengths and weaknesses. Have they consolidated their democracy?

Comment on these ideas and examples. What do they help you understand? What are you thinking about as a result of encounters the case studies of Poland and Romania?