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**Political Parties**

**Directions:** Read pages 116-142, and answer the following the questions.

1. Define Political Party.
2. What 5 main functions do political parties serve? Give a brief description (in your own words).

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

1. What is partisanship?
2. Define minor party.
3. Despite minor parties, why does the United States remain a Two-Party System (Give 3 arguments)?
4. Define bipartisan.
5. Give one strength and one weakness of a Multiparty System.
6. List 5 factors that might influence a person’s party membership.
7. What was the name of our nation’s first political party? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Who led this party? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. What did they support?
10. What party appeared as opposition to the first? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
11. Who led this party? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
12. What did they support?
13. What years in our nation’s history are considered “Era’s of the Democrats”? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
14. What years are considered “Era’s of the Republicans”? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
15. What “Era” of politics are we currently in? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
16. During this new era, how many presidents have been…Republicans? \_\_\_\_\_, Democrats? \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Give a brief definition for each of the Four main types of Minor Parties in the United States.
18. Ideological Party.
19. Single-issue Party.
20. Economic Protest Party.
21. Splinter Party.
22. Throughout history which “third-party” candidate has won the most electoral votes? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
23. What party did he represent? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
24. What is the role of The President within his political party?
25. Briefly describe the nominating process for a candidate.
26. Political Parties execute their agendas through “Party Machinery”. List several examples of “Party Machinery at both the national and local levels.
27. What 5 factors have contributed to the weakened state of political parties in the US today (in your own words)?
28. When you are old enough to vote, do you think you will be a member of a political party? If so, which one and why? If not, why would you remain independent?