12/14 – Government Objectives

1. SWBAT explain the importance of a political party “platform”.
2. SWBAT explain the significance of political party “planks”.
3. SWBAT explain the difference and types of major and minor

political parties in America.

12/14 – Government Warm Up

1. Why do “third” parties typically exist in United States?
2. Which type of third party has no clear ideological base. They focus on attacking the

major parties during tough economic times and recessions?

1. Which type of third party typically forms when people “split away” from a major party?
2. Which type of third party tends to focus on only one public policy matter?
3. Which type of third party is based on a particular set of beliefs?
4. Give one reason third parties are important to the political process in America?