

Chapter 5

Section 2: The Two-Party System in American History

Guiding Question: How has the two-party system affected the history of American government?

GET STARTED

Lesson Goals:

- ❑ Students will explore the origins of the Democratic and Republican parties and their symbols.
- ❑ Students will review the history of political parties in the United States.

Bellringer Display Transparency 5C, Two-Party Politics, but cover up the questions below the cartoon. Write on the board: **Which party supports government spending? Answer in your notebook.**

Vocabulary Have students look up the definitions of the Section 2 words in the Glossary and write a sentence for each term. Ask volunteers to read their sentences to the class.

TEACH

Review students' Bellringer answers. Then tell students that in this section they will learn about the origins of the two major political parties in the United States. They will also learn about the history of the Democratic and Republican parties. Ask volunteers to read the section aloud.

Ask:

- How did the Democratic Party begin? (*In 1827, Andrew Jackson left the Democratic-Republican Party because he wanted the common people to be more active in making government decisions. His ideas started the Democratic Party.*)
- Which party controlled the first major era in the American party system, and how long did the period last? (*The Democrats controlled the first major era, from 1800 to 1860.*)

Learning Styles: Visual/Spatial

Have students review the information on these two pages. Have each student create an illustrated timeline of the presidential elections since 1900, using logos to show which party has been in power. Students should also list the names of the Presidents who were elected at each point on their timelines. Ask volunteers to share their timelines with the class.

Other Strategies
ELL/ESL Strategy

ASSESS AND REMEDIATE

- Assign the Section Assessment questions; grade student responses.

Chapter Resources

Essential Questions Journal

Chapter 5 Outline (All-in-One, pp. 10–12)

Other Resources

Reading Comprehension Worksheet
(All-in-One, p. 20)

Skill Activity (All-in-One, p. 24)

Section Quiz B (All-in-One, p. 26)

Audio support is available for this section.

Additional features for Differentiated Instruction can be found throughout the Teacher's Edition.