Lesson Plan: Political Parties

Activity Steps:

1. Day One - Students are given an anticipation/reaction guide. They guess which of these are correct. They will revisit this at the end of the lesson to retake it and see if any of their answers changed after learning about political parties.

2. Students number off by 5 and form groups of six. One person from each group randomly draws the name of the political party their group will be assigned from a hat. Students in the group will make and present a poster on the political party they chose. Each person within the group signs up to research a section of the poster. Turn a copy of the sign up list in to me.

3. Day Two - Students research their section of the poster in the lab. Homework - They complete their research and rough draft section of the poster. Come to class with ideas for general layout of the poster. (I give the students a week to complete this task.)

4. Day Three- Using their rough drafts, students will work together to create a final draft poster. See handout for poster requirements.

5. Day Four- Students work on and rehearse their poster presentations.

6. Day Five & Six- Students present their posters. Audience takes notes on the presentations on their graphic organizers.

Special Needs of students are considered in this lesson:
In this lesson students will be heterogeneously grouped to meet the needs of all learners. Samples and examples will be available to assist students. In my classes my GATE students are in one class.