



Lesson Plan: Political Parties

Student Handouts:

Political Parties Anticipation/Reaction Guide

Directions: Before we study political parties and elections, decide if you think each of the following statements are true or false. After we finish our study we will look at these statements again.

Before	Statement	After
<i>Circle One</i>		<i>Circle One</i>
True/False	1. There are only two political parties in the United States	True/False
True/False	2. A political party is a group of people who have similar ideas about how the government of a country should be run and what it should do.	True/False
True/False	3. Political parties have basically the same ideas on issues such as the economy, and education.	True/False
True/False	4. All political parties were founded in the same year.	True /False
True/False	5. You have to belong to a political party to vote.	True/False
True/False	6. A political party helps a candidate win an election.	True/False
True/False	7. Each party has a presidential and a vice presidential candidate.	True/False



Group Names _____

Political Party Poster

Name of Political Party _____

Name of presidential candidate _____

Research Questions

(each group member signs up to research one of these questions)

1. History of the party. How long has it been in existence? What are its major areas of focus and/or concerns? Impacts it's made on our country. Does your party have a nickname? (ex. GOP) slogan? What do they mean? _____

Issues – Find out where your candidate stands on the following issues

2. Education _____

3. Iraq _____

4. Economy _____

5. Environment/Global Warming _____

6. Healthcare _____

All – what is the symbol of the party? What is the history of background of the symbol?



Poster

Your job as a group is to design a poster that promotes and explains your political party. Make it appealing and include the following elements.

- Title
- All the requirements from above.
- 2-3 graphics that represent your party and candidate
- Organized in such a way to make it easy to read and understand by someone who knows nothing about the party and candidate.
- Is neat with no spelling or grammar errors.
- Completed in ink, markers and colored pencils. (No regular pencil writing)

You will be presenting your posters to the class.



**Political Parties
Graphic Organizer**

Party	Issue				
	Education	Economy	Iraq	Health Care	Environment
Constitution					
Republican					
Green					
Democratic					
Libertarian					