

Complete the following information during class today. Tomorrow, we will be researching third parties, and you will each complete an assignment on an individual third party, much like we did with the Interest Groups activity.

From Section 2:

1. Complete the chart regarding the history of the two-party system in U.S. History.

Early Parties	
1800-1860	
1860-1932	
1932-1968	
1968-present	

2. Define the following terms:

incumbent-

faction-

spoils system-

electorate-

sectionalism-

3. How has the two-party system affected the history of American Government? Explain, giving examples!

4. What characterizes the present political era that began in 1968? Explain.

From Section 3:

5. In the table, write down three characteristics of types of minor parties.

Ideological	Single-Issue	Economic Protest	Splinter

6. Define the following terms:

ideological parties-

single-issue parties-

economic protest parties-

splinter parties-

7. Why are minor parties important? I am not asking if they are, but WHY? They have never won the presidency. Explain your answer.

8. Why do minor parties act as critics of the major parties? Explain.