

## American Government

### Political Parties Project

**Directions:** You will be making a PowerPoint presentation if you have internet. If you are one of those who have parental proof you do not have internet you will make a poster with the necessary information on it. The websites below will provide almost all of the answers to the presentation questions.

#### Democratic Party websites to help you:

- [http://americanhistory.about.com/od/politicalparties/p/democratic\\_party.htm](http://americanhistory.about.com/od/politicalparties/p/democratic_party.htm) (this site gives the symbol, history & facts and lists a few presidents)
- [http://www.ontheissues.org/Democratic\\_Party.htm](http://www.ontheissues.org/Democratic_Party.htm) (this site explains the issues)
- <http://www.democrats.org/about> (this site gives the voter base- click on the “people” tab and then read about certain people and why they tend to vote Democratic)

#### Republican Party websites to help you:

- <http://www.history.com/topics/republican-party> (this site gives the symbol, history & facts)
- [http://www.ontheissues.org/Republican\\_Party.htm](http://www.ontheissues.org/Republican_Party.htm) (this site explains the issues)
- <http://www.gallup.com/poll/118937/Republican-Base-Heavily-White-Conservative-Religious.aspx> (this site has a gallop poll and explains the voter base)

#### Slide 1: Title:

Make a title page like “A History of the Democratic and Republican Parties”

#### Slide 2: Democratic Party History

1. include a symbol of the party
2. Tell what year the party started and who started it.
3. Give 3 facts about the party.

#### Slide 3: Democratic Views & Voting

1. Explain 3 platforms/views/beliefs or ideologies of the party (their view on the economy or healthcare for example)
2. Tell what kinds of people typically vote Democratic.
3. Name 3 presidents who were Democrats.

#### Slide 4: Republican Party History

1. include a symbol of the party
2. Tell what year the party started and who started it.
3. Give 3 facts about the party.

#### Slide 5: Republican views & voting

1. Explain 3 platforms/views/beliefs or ideologies of the party (their view on the economy or healthcare for example)
2. Tell what kinds of people typically vote Republican.
3. Name 3 presidents who were Republicans.

#### Slide 6: My opinion

Based on what you have learned what party do you feel more aligned with? Explain why you feel the way you do in at least 3 sentences.