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**Unit 3: Political Parties Study Guide**

1. What are the two major political parties in the U.S.?

2. Republicans and Democrats most differ on their ideas on….?

3 & 4. Fill in the following table:

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| **Political Party** | **Basic Beliefs of the Party AND Symbol** |
| **Democratic Party** |  |
| **Republican Party** |  |

5. How do 3rd parties affect elections?

6. Fill in the following table of 3rd parties:

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| **Political Party** | **Basic Beliefs of the Party AND Symbol** |
| **Libertarian Party** |  |
| **Communist Party** |  |
| **Socialist Party** |  |

9. What impact do political parties have on society and government?

10. What are the four main things you should look at when **evaluating a candidate** running for office?

1.)

2.)

3.)

4.)

11. What is a **party platform**?

12. How does someone’s *experience* affect their chance of winning an election?

13. How does someone’s **platform** affect their chance of winning an election?

14. How do someone’s **political advertisements** affect their chance of winning an election?

15. How do **debates and speeches** affect their chance of winning an election?