

Study Guide: Chapter 8

What is an **independent**?

What is the definition of a **political party**?

What is a **faction**?

List the five **functions of political parties**:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

What does it mean to say that we have a **two party system**?

List the seven periods of political parties according to your text and take notes on the key conflicts that characterized each period:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Look at the information and maps on pages 259-262. List the geographic and demographic factors for Republicans and Democrats today:

Democrats

Republicans

List and explain the **three faces of a political party**:

1. Party in electorate
2. Party organization
3. Party in government

Explain the following about **party organization**:

National convention

Party platform

National committee

State Party organization

Local party organization

Divided government

Ticket splitting

List and explain the four reasons that the **two party system** has endured:

What are the different types of **third parties**?

What has been the impact of third parties?

What is realignment and give some examples?

What is dealignment?

What is straight ticket voting?

Who are swing voters?

What is tipping?

What are future strategies of the Republicans?

What are the future strategies of the Democrats?