

## Party Time!

When you register to vote you will decide whether to affiliate with a party, or to remain independent. Political parties have platforms, a set of ideas, which are the basis of their political organization. You won't necessarily agree with every position in a political party, but you should have agreement on the issues that are most important to you.

List three issues that are very important to you.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Now visit the platform website of the political parties listed. Read each party's platform as it relates to the three issues listed above. Write a simple sentence describing the party's view toward your issue, and indicate if you agree or disagree with a plus or a minus.

Democrats

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Republicans

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Third Party, (e.g. Green Party, Libertarian Party or a third party of your choice)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Based on your research indicate whether you will join a political party. If so, state the main reasons why. If you want to be an independent, explain your reasons for remaining dealigned from a political party. Write your answers on the back.