

Chapter 5

Write in the correct answers in the blanks provided on the chart below.

FUNCTIONS OF POLITICAL PARTIES

Function	Description	Explanation
1. _____	Selecting candidates	The activity that sets political parties apart from other political groups
Informing and activating supporters	Inform people and activate their interests in public affairs.	Parties share this function with 2. _____ and 3. _____ groups
Bonding agent	Tries to choose candidates who are 4. _____ and of good character.	After candidates are elected the party prods them to do well or suffer in the next 5. _____
Governing	Helps 6. _____ and executive branches work together	Most appointments to executive branch are made on basis of 7. _____ or allegiance to a political party.
8. _____	Party that is 9. _____ criticizes the party that controls the government.	The loyal opposition urges votes to 10. _____

Fill in the blanks below explaining how each factor contributes to the stability of the two-party system in the United States.

11. Historical Basis: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Tradition: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Electoral System: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Ideological Consensus: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the chart below.

	Period of Dominance (If any)	Supporters	Leaders
Federalists	15.	16.	17.
Jeffersonian Republicans	18.	19.	20.
Jacksonian Democrats	21.	22.	23.
Whigs	24.	25.	26.
Republicans	27.	28.	29.
Post-Civil War Democrats	30.	31.	32.
New Deal Democrats	33.	34.	35.

Define and give examples of the four types of minor parties on the chart below.

	Definition	Examples
Ideological Parties	36.	37.
Single Issue Parties	38.	39.
Economic Protest Parties	40.	41.
Splinter Parties	42.	43.

44. What tends to happen to single-issue parties? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

45. Which type of minor party has been most successful in winning votes? \_\_\_\_\_

46. Which type of minor party has been the longest lived? \_\_\_\_\_

47. What useful functions have minor parties performed in American history?

Complete the chart below by supplying the missing information in the blanks provided.

	National Party Machinery	
Mechanism	Term or when it takes place	Role
National Convention	48. _____ _____	49. _____ _____
National Committee	50. _____ _____	51. _____ _____
National Chairperson	52. _____ _____	53. _____ _____
Congressional Campaign	54. _____ _____	55. _____ _____

56. Two factors that contribute to the decentralization of parties are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

57. The party out of power operates at a disadvantage because it has no leader comparable to

58. In recent years there has been a sharp rise in the number of voters who identify themselves as