

# Guided Reading Activity

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## Political Parties

### Lesson 2 *Party Ideology and Identification*

#### Review Questions

**Directions:** Locate each heading below in your text. Then use the information under the correct heading and subheading to help you write each answer.

#### I. Political Ideology

A. Describe the ideology generally connected with the Democratic Party.

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B. Describe the ideology generally connected with the Republican Party.

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#### II. Party Platforms

A. On what foundational beliefs and values do both Republicans and Democrats agree?

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B. What are the key points of the Republican Party platform regarding the role of government in the economy and social issues?

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C. What are the key points of the Democratic Party platform regarding the role of government in the economy and social issues?

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#### III. Party Identification

A. What is the relationship between party identification and voting?

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B. What is the general demographic makeup of the Republican Party?

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C. What is the general demographic makeup of the Democratic Party?

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#### IV. Political Party Polarization

A. What is the meaning of the statement that the political parties have become more ideologically homogenous?

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B. How does polarization impact political parties?

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#### Summary and Reflection

**Directions:** Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

How has the two-party system led to the present state of polarization and gridlock?

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