

# Project

## Participating in Government

### **The Task**

Your “Party” will prepare a Group Paper, Portfolio and brief Presentation on a designated political party. Your group should select a chairperson (through election) that will coordinate and delegate jobs to complete the project.

### **Group Paper**

- **JOB 1:** Write a brief (300 words) historical background on your party.
- **JOB 2:** In a paragraph (100 word minimum), describe in general terms what your party’s philosophy is regarding the role of government in American life. Find a current or past campaign slogan used by your political party.
- **JOB 3:** Choose two major issues and describe your party’s position. Be sure to explain how your party justifies its position.
- The paper needs to be typed (12 pt font) and appropriately referenced.

**Portfolio:** You will also create a Political Party Portfolio with the following evidence below. You will staple your paper and collection of evidence above in the order listed to complete your portfolio. Your portfolio needs a cover page with a title and the names of all group members.

- **JOB 4:** Find a photo of, draw, or trace a famous person from your party (1950-present) and include a significant quote from that person regarding their political stance.
- **JOB 5:** Create an original political cartoon which reflects your party’s position on one of the following policy issues: role of government, economy, foreign policy, education, immigration, entitlements
- **JOB 6:** Compile a list of interest groups or well-known companies that align politically and/or have contributed/campaigned for members in this party.
- **JOB 7:** Get a CA voter registration form and create a “How to Guide” for voter registration in CA.
- **JOB 8:** **Create** an Electoral Map and plan an electoral strategy to get your presidential candidate elected in the electoral college in 2020.
- **JOB 9:** Content Terms...learn all the content terminology associated with this project/unit. Learn terms, teach group, and be prepared to take a quiz on the terms as a group.

\*\*All group members will need to know terminology for Final Exam.\*\*

**Presentation:** Do a 5 minute presentation for the class explaining your party platform and a brief summary of the evidence you collected for your portfolio.

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### **The Process**

- Divide the work up as evenly as possible. You **MUST** research the views of the political party through the Internet, reading magazines, and watching/listening to interviews on radio and TV. Be **AWARE** of political bias! ☺
- You will have 3 in class work days.
- Make sure your paper is proofread and that your portfolio is organized and is pleasing to the eye.
- Practice your presentation before you present.

### **Grading**

- Students grades will be based on the group overall grade. However, grades can be lowered or raised from teacher observation and party chairperson input.