Ch. 5 Study Guide – American Government

Spoils System Resign Federalist Andrew Jackson Anti-Federalist Theodore Roosevelt

Primary National Convention Precinct National Committee Caucus Ward

Divisive Open Seat

1. How would you describe the era of American government since 1968?
2. What is an example of an ideological party?
3. What is the reason that the 2 major political parties don’t have a strong central structure?
4. What’s the main purpose of a political party?
5. Why do Democrats & Republicans take similar stands on many issues?
6. How do elected officials in a multiparty system get anything done when no single party has a majority?
7. Why are many Americans familiar with a form of the one party system?
8. What is a fact about splinter parties?
9. What role does the President play in the organization of his or her party?
10. If party leaders ask a member of their own party not to run because they feel that person is not qualified in what role are party leaders acting?
11. Which party system is the most common in a typical dictatorship?
12. What is one truth about major political parties?
13. When Theodore Roosevelt left the Republican Party to start his own party called the Bull Moose, or Progressive Party, that party was known as what?
14. What one function most clearly set parties apart from other groups in the political process?
15. What was William Jennings Bryan’s major contribution to American party politics?
16. If a new party is formed and their primary concern is the environment they would be known as what type of party?
17. Most splinter parties are what?
18. When minor parties are successful at gaining support for their proposals, what is most likely to happen?
19. What’s the primary purpose of a political party?
20. The fact that Democrats and Republicans take similar stands on many issues is a reflection of what?
21. Many Americans are familiar with a form of the one-party system because?
22. On what main issues did the Federalists & Anti-Federalists disagree?
23. In general, when has party dominance switched from one party to another?
24. What role does the President play in the organization of their party?
25. What is a contributor to the decentralized nature of the 2 major political parties?
26. Wards and precincts are units of election administration at which level?
27. What is a political party?
28. What is it an example of when party leaders pressure a member of their party to resign because of ethics violations?
29. Which party has dominated the Federal Government in recent decades?
30. What are the major political parties like in the U.S.