

Political Party Project

Student Objective: Students will create a fictional political party reflecting their own personal ideology.

Assignment Components: There will be 3 components to this assignment. Component # 1 is the naming of the political party. Component # 2 is the creation of a party symbol. Component # 3 is the development of a party platform based on the topics I choose for your party to address.

Component # 1: Party Name. You cannot choose a party name that is currently recognizable in today's society. You may choose any name you wish, but you must also explain why you chose that party name. It must correlate to something political. You cannot call yourself the Hot Dog Party, and state your reason for choosing it is because the people in your party like hot dogs. Be creative, and don't be afraid to tie your party name and symbol together. Your only requirement in naming this party is to be able to defend your party's name in a logical manner.

Component # 2: Party Symbol. You cannot choose a symbol currently recognizable in today's society either. Be creative and look to tie your symbol into your party name. As before, you must be able to explain why you chose your party symbol. It must make sense in a political sense. You can choose to be called the Teddy Bear Party (nobody can take this one now) if you can explain why you chose that name, and why you would, obviously, choose a teddy bear as your party's symbol.

Component # 3: Party Platform. This is the most important component of the project. A party platform is a statement of ideas in relation to the "topics of the day." I will provide each class with different sets of topics and may even assign certain people within classes different sets of topics to avoid repetition. You will simply state your party's goals and ideas concerning the assigned topic. Please refer to the guide I will provide on the topics to get an idea of what kind of information I am looking for. You are not limited to the ideas/suggestions I provide for party platforms. So long as you present a defense of your party's platform (explain why you think the way that you think), I do not care how extreme the positions you put forward are on the political spectrum.

ASSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) This assignment **MUST** be typed (ZERO IF NOT TYPED)
- 2) The cover page will include both your party name and a picture of your party's symbol. I will review what a cover page is, and how I expect yours to look. (ZERO IF NOT INCLUDED)
- 3) The assignment will be due on the date assigned. Anything handed in late will be given a ZERO. You will have more than enough time to work on this assignment and there should be no excuses for a project not to be handed in.
- 4) All work will be original. I will spot parties that have the same ideologies. Anyone thought to be cheating will earn all persons involved a ZERO.
- 5) This project will represent a TEST GRADE for the 3rd Quarter. Failure to complete it will result in a test grade of ZERO for the 3rd quarter, which will seriously affect your quarter grade.

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POLITICAL PARTY NAME

10 POINTS

Points will be based on the creativity of the name and an explanation of why you chose your party's name, meaning you must clearly explain your party's name. Try to tie your party name to your party symbol with some sort of logic. Again, if you went with the Teddy Bear Party, you would obviously choose a teddy bear as your symbol. The thing is, can you explain why you chose the name in terms of politics? Perhaps, you chose that name b/c you would be comforting to the people, like a teddy bear?

POLITICAL PARTY SYMBOL

15 POINTS

Points will be based on the creativity of the symbol you choose for your party as well as the explanation of how the symbol relates to your party's name and way of thinking. Please try and cut/paste a symbol through Microsoft Word. If you need help in knowing how to do that, I will be happy to explain it to you. Again, remember that you have to be able to tie your symbol to your party name and give some logical political reasoning for choosing it. The Teddy Bear Party would have an easy symbol choice, but what does your symbol represent? The symbol could represent an appeal to all people as teddy bears are used by most cultures as a symbol of comfort. You could be using it to bridge cultural lines within this country and bring everyone together as one.

POLITICAL PARTY PLATFORM

25 PTS/EACH

Points will be equal for the 3 topics assigned to your project. Each component carries 25 points toward your total project grade. Various factors will go into each component. The key factors I will be looking at are how you address each topic, and whether you completely address what your party's position on the topics are. You must be clear in your explanations. Take your time and proofread your work. In addition, spelling/grammar/neatness will be considered in this scoring category as well. Remember, this section is worth a total of 75 points. You should take your time, and triple-check your work in this area.