**Origins of the Republican and Democratic Political Parties**

Directions: Use the “Origins of the Republican and Democratic Political Parties” slides to answer the questions in the graphic organizer below. Write the answers in your own words. Then, draw a quick picture to help you remember your learning.

| **Question** | **Answer** | **Quick Draw** |
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| What are political parties? |  |  |
| When and why did political parties (or factions) start to form? |  |  |
| Why did the Democratic Party form? |  |  |
| What year was the Democratic Party established?  Who was the first president elected from the Democratic Party?  Who did the Democratic Party represent? |  |  |
| Why did the Republican Party form? |  |  |
| What year was the Republican Party established?  Who was the first president elected from the Republican Party?  Who did the Republican Party represent? |  |  |
| Which animal symbols did cartoonist Thomas Nast popularize for each party? |  |  |
| How have the parties changed since they originated? |  |  |