

# 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
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?		
<p>What year was the Republican Party established?</p> <p>Who was the first president elected from the Republican Party?</p> <p>Who did the Republican Party represent?</p>		
Which animal symbols did cartoonist Thomas Nast popularize for each party?		
How have the parties changed since they originated?		