

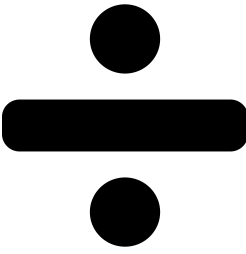
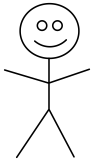


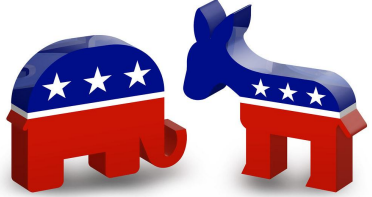


## **SAMPLE ANSWERS: Origins of the Republican and Democratic Political Parties**

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?	<i>Group of people who come together to get things done because they agree on most issues.</i>	
When and why did political parties (or factions) start to form?	<i>Despite warnings from the Founders, parties started in Washington's cabinet as divisions over many issues arose.</i>	
Why did the Democratic Party form?	<i>Around 1828, the “Era of Good Feelings” (one party) was over and as people began dividing again, they realized they needed to unite behind one candidate to win elections.</i>	
What year was the Democratic Party established?  Who was the first president elected from the Democratic Party?  Who did the Democratic	<i>Established in 1828 Jackson Common man</i>	

Party represent?		
Why did the Republican Party form?	<i>Whig Party began to divide over the issue of slavery. Republican- did not want slavery to expand.</i>	
What year was the Republican Party established?  Who was the first president elected from the Republican Party?  Who did the Republican Party represent?	<i>Established in 1854 Abraham Lincoln Mainly northern states</i>	
Which animal symbols did cartoonist Thomas Nast popularize for each party?	<i>Elephant and Donkey as party symbols</i>	
How have the parties changed since they originated?	<i>Both parties have changed platforms and who supports them/votes for them has changed</i>	