LINKING CITIZENS & GOVERNMENT

**POLITICAL PARTIES:**

**ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:**

*1.) What roles do* ***political parties*** *play as linkage institutions?*

*2.) What roles do* ***political parties*** *play in government?*

**VOCABULARY/CONCEPTS:**

* **History of American Two Party System:**
* **Divided government:**
* **Party in power:**
* **Political Coalitions:**
  + **Social Cleavages:**
* **Two Party/Multiparty System:**
* **Single Member District Plurality:**
* **Proportional Representation:**
* **Minor (Third) Parties:**

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* + **Splinters:**
  + **Single Issue:**
  + **Ideological:**
  + **Spoiler Role:**

**SUMMARY of POLITICAL PARTIES:**

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