

## Civics lesson plans for week of 5/3/2010 – 5/6/2010

Monday 5/3/2010

Warm-up: What are the names of the two major political parties. Name as many 3<sup>rd</sup> parties as you can.

Activities:

1. What is the purpose of a political party
  - Control government by winning election to public office
  - Nominate candidates
  - Informing and activating
  - Bonding agent
  - Governing
  - Acting as a watchdog
2. Get into groups and make posters that show what political parties do
  - The posters need to show not tell and use symbolism, be colorful, neat, spelled correctly
3. Read pages 119 – 125

Tuesday 5/4/2010

Warm-up: What does the saying “Two’s company and three’s a crowd mean’?”

Activities:

1. Why does the US have a two party system?
  - Historical
  - Tradition
  - Electoral System
  - American Ideological Consensus
2. What countries have a multiparty system?
  - England
3. What are the advantages of a multiparty system
  - a. Broader more diverse representative govt
  - b. More responsive
4. What are the disadvantages of a multiparty system
  - a. Unstable
  - b. Too diverse
5. What countries have one party system?
  - UP, New England, Former Soviet Union
6. What are the advantages?
  - a. Quick
7. What are the disadvantages?
  - No choice
8. What are the characteristics of the people who belong to political parties?
  - Make two drawings to show the characteristics of each party. The drawings should show and not tell and use symbolism. Be colorful, neat, spelled correctly.

Wednesday 5/5/2010

Warm-up: Name a team that has dominated its sport for a long period of time. Why is this so.

Activities:

1. Read pages 126 – 131
2. Create collages that show your assigned era. People and events should cover your paper. It should have a title. Show what events started and ended your assigned era. Also show the names and dates served

Thursday 5/6/2010

Warm-up Why are minor league teams so important to baseball?

Activities:

1. What are the 4 types of minor parties
  - Ideological
  - Single-issue
  - Economic protest
  - Splinter
2. Why are minor parties so important?
  - To bring issues to the forefront
3. Historically which minor political parties have been the most successful?
  - 1912 election
  - 1984 election
4. Read pages 136 – 143 and do questions on pages 142, 143