

Political Parties – Sample Homework Pacing

(Page numbers are from Ford, American Government and Politics Today, 17th edition)

Assignment 1: What are political parties?

- What If?, page 265
- Chapter introduction, page 266
- What Is a Political Party and What Do Parties Do?, pages 266-272
- Study guide questions 1-11
- Key terms 1-14
- [Crash Course: Political Parties](#)

Assignment 2: Democrats and Republicans

- The Two Major U.S. Parties Today - pages 280-284
- Study guide questions 12-13
- Key term 15
- Listen to [this interview](#) about why politicians don't always vote with their party
- [Crash Course: Party Systems](#)

Assignment 3: America's Two-Party System

- Why Has the Two-Party System Endured? - pages 284-288
- Study guide question 14
- Key terms 16-17
- [Functions of Political Parties](#)

Assignment 4: Minor Parties in America

- The Role of Minor Parties in U.S. Politics - pages 288-291
- Study guide question 18
- Key term 18
- [Role of Political Parties](#)

Assignment 5: The Future of Political Parties

- Mechanisms of Political Change - pages 291-296
- What Would You Do? - page 297
- Study guide questions 17-20
- Key terms 19-24

Assignment 6: Study for the Cumulative Test

- Review all your notes from the year so far
- Try practice questions in textbook, pages 689-704 and 717-720