

# Political Parties - Handout

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**DIRECTIONS:** Observing details can help you make inferences. Analyze the chart below that shows the differences between the first political parties in the United States. Answer the questions that follow, based on this chart and the information on the previous page.

1. What details and key features are shown on the chart?

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2. What information do you already know about early political parties that might help you in drawing conclusions about the chart?

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3. What inferences can you make about the first political parties in the United States?

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## Differences Between the First Political Parties

Federalists	Democratic-Republicans
<b>Leader:</b> Alexander Hamilton	<b>Leader:</b> Thomas Jefferson
<b>Favored:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Rule by the wealthy class</li><li>★ Strong federal government</li><li>★ Emphasis on manufactured products</li><li>★ Loose interpretation of the Constitution</li><li>★ British alliance</li><li>★ National bank</li><li>★ Protective tariffs</li></ul>	<b>Favored:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Rule by the people</li><li>★ Strong state governments</li><li>★ Emphasis on agricultural products</li><li>★ Strict interpretation of the Constitution</li><li>★ French alliance</li><li>★ State banks</li><li>★ Free trade</li></ul>



## Standardized Test Practice

**DIRECTIONS:** Answer the following questions based on the chart and your knowledge of social studies.

- 1 Based on the chart, what inference can you make about early political parties in the United States?

- A They were defined mostly by the personalities of their leaders, not by their viewpoints on specific political issues.
- B Economic issues were a basis of political disagreement between the parties.
- C The parties agreed on most issues.
- D In the early years of the nation, most Americans were not concerned about politics or political parties.

- 2 Based on the chart and the reading on the previous page, which of the following would Federalists in the 1790s likely oppose?

- A a tax on machinery imported from Europe
- B a trade agreement with Great Britain
- C a law that supported tariffs on imports
- D tax breaks for businessmen who build factories