**Political Parties Research**

1. Before starting your research, take a moment to think about where you think you stand on the political spectrum. Do you think you are (circle one):

 Democrat Moderate Republican

2. Take these 3 quizzes and record the results of each:

* <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/spc/vote2012/quiz/> Results: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* <http://gotoquiz.com/political_party_quiz_2> Results: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* <http://www.bestpoliticalquiz.com/> Results: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you surprised by your outcome(s)? Why or why not?

4. Using the Republican Party’s website (<http://www.gop.com>) and/or pages 219 and 222 in your textbook, summarize the Republican Party’s history and basic ideals (platform) in 1-2 paragraphs.

5. Using the Democratic Party’s website (<http://www.democrats.org> ) and/or pages 219 and 222 in your textbook, summarize the Democratic Party’s history and basic ideals (platform) in 1-2 paragraphs.

List 3 “major third parties” is the U.S. today.

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