



Third Parties

In the United States today, we have a two-party system, which means that we have two main political parties. But there have also been many third parties in our nation's history.

Conduct research about a significant third party of the 1900s such as the Reform Party. Find reasons for the party's existence, and learn how the party affected the two major parties. Then create a party brochure in which you take the point of view of a member of the third party and publicize your candidates and issues.

Research Links

The Federalist Party

http://www.ohiohistorycentral.org/w/Federalist_Party?rec=887

Read this article on the Federalist Party. The Federalists were one of the first two political parties in American history.

The Reform Party

<http://reformparty.org/>

What is the Reform Party? Learn about the issues and national platform.

Green Parties of North America

<http://www.greens.org/na.html>

Find the who, what, where, and when of the Green Parties of North America.

Libertarian Party

<http://www.lp.org/>

The Libertarian Party espouses the following principles: individual liberty and personal responsibility, a free-market economy, and a foreign policy of non-intervention, peace, and free trade.

Socialist Party of the United States of America

<http://socialistparty-usa.net/>

Organized in 1901, the Socialist Party USA promotes full employment in a non-discriminatory environment. They want to break the traditional idea of "free" capitalism.