**Chapter 9**

**Political Parties and Interest Groups**

What is a political party?

What type of political system does the US have?

What was the origin of political parties?

Why did the Republican Party come into existence?

What are third parties?

What were two of the most influential third parties?

Describe each type of third party

Single issue

Ideological

Independent

Why do third parties rarely win elections?

What type of political system do most other countries have?

What happens when there are elections?

What is a one party system?

Where would you find one?

What do Democrats typically believe?

What do Republican generally believe?

What is a platform?

What is a plank?

What do national committees do?

When do they have national conventions?

What are the three things they do at the national conventions?

What is the job of the state committees?

What s a precinct?

What is a ward?

What is a political machine?

How did early political machines help new American immigrants?

What happens when a political party is in power for too long?

How do political parties select a candidate for public office?

What is a direct primary?

What is an open primary?

What is a closed primary?

What does a closed primary accomplish?

What is a plurality?

When are there runoff elections?

How else can candidates get on the ballot?

Describe each of the other roles of political parties

Campaigning for candidates

Informing citizens

Help manage government

Link different levels of the government

Act as a watchdog