Government Name Per Unit 2: Chapter 17

Lesson 1:

1. Describe the following functions of political parties.
2. Electing Candidates (Nominating):
3. Educating the Public:
4. Involving People in the Political Process:
5. Operating the Government (Governing)
6. Dispensing Patronage:
7. Developing and Implementing Policy:
8. Government Watchdog:
9. Providing Stability:
10. What is the difference between two-party systems and multi-party systems? Which one does the US have? Which one is more common? Which one forms coalitions to govern?
11. What are the differences between a single-issue, ideological, and splinter parties?
12. Describe the two ways Third Parties impact elections/politics.
13. What obstacles do Third Parties face?

Lesson 2:

1. Compare/contrast liberals, moderates, and conservatives.
2. According to the text, what do our two major parties agree on?
3. According to the text, list 4 beliefs from the platforms of our two major parties.
4. Contrast the demographics of the typical voter between our two major parties (race, gender, age, etc).
5. In which parts of the US do people tend to be members of our two major parties?
6. How does political polarization affect political parties?