**Government Political Parties Project**

**Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Directions:**

**Today you will take your political beliefs and form your own political party. Your party does not have to mirror the two major parties in the united States that we currently have. Your party though should incorporate some of the major components of the two major parties.**

**Requirements:**

**1)Party Name- You must come up with an original name for your political party. Put some thought into it, remember a name reflects many things about what your party represents. (5 points)**

**2)Party Symbol- You must create a symbol for your party. Think about the beliefs you hold to line up with your party name. The symbol must fit or match the other components of your political party. NO DONKEYS OR ELEPHANTS!!! This can be done using a computer drawing program or drawing free hand. ( 10 points)**

**3)Party Color- The Republicans are usually represented by the color red while the Democrats are usually represented by the color Blue. What color will your party be represented by? (5 points)**

**4)Party Platform: Every political party has a platform. A platform consists of stances on various issues which are called planks. These are the issues that the party feels are most important to our country. The purpose of your platform should be to best help the United States and our society. (50 points)**

 **a)Choose five planks to make up your platform. Some examples would be economy, defense**

 **spending, the environment, foreign relations, etc..**

 **b)Type two paragraphs for each plank:**

 **1)The first paragraph should explain why this issue is an important one to the United States.**

 **2)The second paragraph should fully explain your party’s position(stance) on the issue and**

 **why your party’s position on the issue is the correct one for the country.**

**5) Main Party Stance: What main idea or belief is your party based upon? (5 points)**

**6)Demographic Groups: What groups of people in the United States will vote for your political party and why? Most political scientists say that certain groups in the United States tend to vote for a particular party. For example, upper-class white males tend to vote for the Republican Party. Which groups will your party reach out to gain support from? (10 points)**

**7)Regions of Country: What regions of the country will support your political party and why? What regions will your party win based on your platform and planks? Justify your claims. (10 points)**