

**CHAPTER 10**

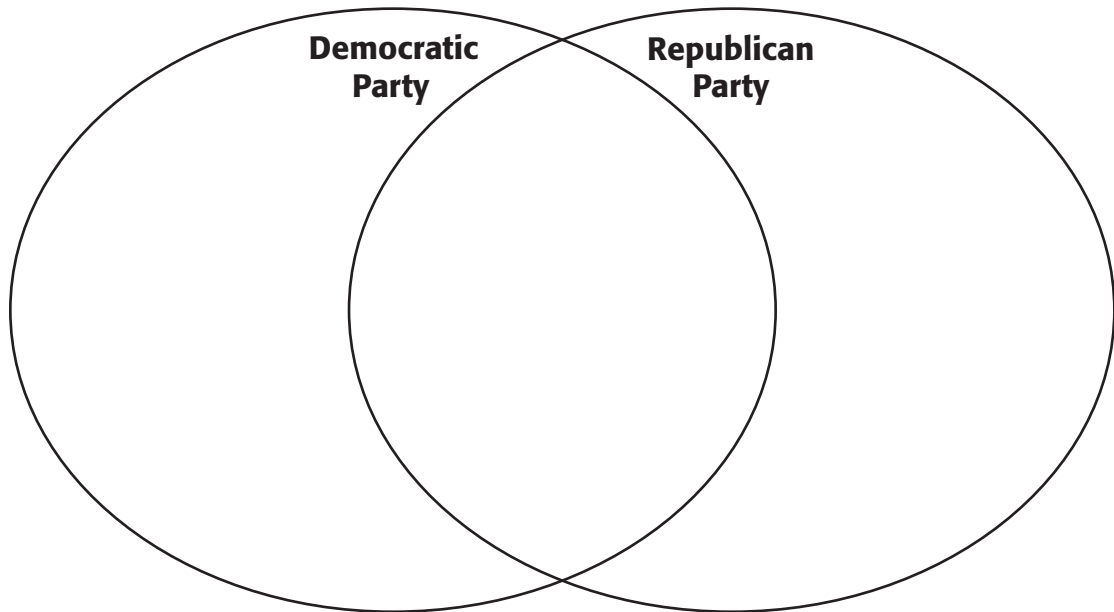
Main Idea Activities 10.1

**Electing Leaders**

**VOCABULARY** Some terms to understand:

- **effective:** actual
- **spectrum:** range
- **favors:** prefers or supports
- **ensure:** to make certain of
- **graduated:** divided into categories

**ORGANIZING INFORMATION** Complete the Venn diagram below to show similarities and differences between the two major political parties in the United States.



**EVALUATING INFORMATION** Mark each statement *T* if it is true or *F* if it is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Political parties nominate candidates to run for political office.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. U.S. citizens must join a political party.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Hundreds of smaller political parties exist in the United States today.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The Republican Party is said to be more liberal than the Democratic Party.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Governments that have a one-party system are usually dictatorships or totalitarian governments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Third parties can influence public policy.

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- \_\_\_\_\_ **7.** The views of Democrats and Republicans can be placed along a political spectrum.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **8.** Several European countries have more than two strong political parties.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **9.** Theodore Roosevelt ran for president under the Progressive Party.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **10.** The two-party system in the United States makes it likely that government policies will change drastically in a short period of time.

**REVIEWING FACTS** Choose the correct terms from the following list to complete the statements below.

political party	two-party system	third party
nominate	multiparty system	one-party system
candidate	coalition	

1. Political parties \_\_\_\_\_, or select, men or women to run for public office.
2. In a \_\_\_\_\_ the formation of all other political parties is usually forbidden.
3. Two or more political parties work together to run the government in a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ is an organization made up of citizens who have similar ideas on public issues.
5. The United States has a \_\_\_\_\_ involving the Democrats and Republicans.
6. Theodore Roosevelt and Ross Perot ran for office under a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ is defined as a person who runs for election to government office.
8. Several European countries have a \_\_\_\_\_, or one in which there are more than two strong political parties.