

Study Guide

Name: _____

Complete each item as you read Chapter 5 (pages 60–66).

1. There are three types of party systems: _____, _____, and _____.
2. The United States has had a _____-party system for most of its history.
3. Political parties simplify elections by choosing candidates that carry a party "_____."
4. Political parties who are not in power serve as _____; keeping an eye on the party in power.
5. Political parties provide _____ to citizens and voters about important issues.
6. Congress and state legislatures are organized according to _____, giving parties a key role in running the government.
7. Voters who do not consistently vote for one party are called _____.
8. Political parties are _____ organizations, which means their power comes from the bottom up.

Vocabulary

Read each description, and write the letter of the correct term on the line.

1. _____ A group of people organized to influence government through winning elections
2. _____ A system in which candidates are elected in proportion to the percentage of the vote their party receives
3. _____ Term for a voter who is not aligned with a political party
4. _____ Term for an organization based on local, unprofessional support
5. _____ Practice of rewarding political supporters with government jobs

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| a | grassroots |
| b | independent |
| c | patronage |
| d | political party |
| e | proportional representation |