

## US/AZ Government

### Unit 3-Political Parties

Read the Mass Media reading and answer the following questions using specific examples from the reading.

Political Parties:

1. What is the primary goal of a political party according to the text?
2. How do political parties ensure that their candidates have voter support and financial backing?
3. What are the five major functions served by political parties in society as mentioned in the text?
4. Explain the concept of the "seal of approval" in relation to political parties and their candidates.
5. In what way do political parties serve as watchdogs within the government?
6. Describe the historical development of the two-party system in the United States as outlined in the text.
7. What role do third parties play in American politics, and how do they influence major party candidates?