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## The Major Political Parties in the United States

### Short Answer Key

1. The Democratic Party is ideologically considered center-left, with a focus on social welfare programs, civil rights, and progressive policies.
2. The donkey symbolizes the party's determination, and blue is the color traditionally associated with the party on electoral maps.
3. The Republican Party was founded in 1854 as an anti-slavery party.
4. The Republican Party typically advocates for limited government intervention, free-market principles, and conservative social values.
5. Example answers include Franklin D. Roosevelt (Democratic Party) and Ronald Reagan (Republican Party).

