**Key Learning of this Unit:**

People with similar backgrounds and interests tend to coordinate their efforts to influence the political process.

**Instructional Tools:**

**Unit Essential Question:**

How do people with similar ideas and interests impact the political process?

**Concept: Concept: Concept:**

Party Origins

8.3.D

Party Influence

5.2.D, 5.3.E, 5.4.E

Types and Purposes of Interest Groups

5.2.D

5.3.H

**Lesson EQ: Lesson EQ: Lesson EQ:**

How do strong opinions lead to the development of interest groups?

How do political parties impact the running of American government?

How have political parties developed throughout American history?

**Lesson EQ: Lesson EQ: Lesson EQ:**

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**Vocabulary: Vocabulary: Vocabulary:**

Primary Elections, Caucus, Convention, Incumbent

Factions

**Concept: Concept: Concept:**

Influence of Interest Groups

5.3.H

**Lesson EQ: Lesson EQ: Lesson EQ:**

What techniques do interest groups use to impact public policy?

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**Vocabulary: Vocabulary: Vocabulary:**

Lobbying