

COMPARING THE DEMOCRATS AND THE WHIGS

From 1828 to 1852, the two major political parties in the U.S. were the Democrats and the Whigs. Historians refer to the political system during this time as the Second Party System.

Research the Second Party System to complete the table below.

	DEMOCRATS	WHIGS
Who were the leaders and key figures of this party?		
What social groups typically supported this party?		
Did the party favor a strong Federal government or states' rights?		
What kind of banking system did this party support?		
Did the party support or oppose tariffs on goods bought from other countries?		
Did the party generally support or oppose the Mexican-American War?		
Did the party generally support or oppose expanding slavery into new territory?		