



# Bell Ringer

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**Find all 10 errors! Correct them.**

In 1924, for planes began the first flight around the world. the flight started in Seattle and took 1,75 days to make it back. Along the way, the pilots maid several stops in countrys such as Japan India, and Turkey. Due to whether and engine problems, only two of the four plane made the whole trip. The flight; about 27,000 miles long, helped make todays international travel possible.

# Objective for today!



- ❖ I will begin to annotate my text to answer my research questions.
- ❖ I will find my second source.

# What do you do with each column?

- K—this is the column for PRE-research. This is where you determine what you already know about your topic BEFORE you start reading scholarly sources.
- W—this column is also for the PRE-research process. This is where you develop specific questions to guide your research and keep it FOCUSED!
  - NOTE: Make sure that you avoid yes/no questions and, instead, ask questions that lend themselves to as much detail as possible.
  - NOTE: Make sure that your questions are answerable!
- L—this column is for POST-research where you make sure that you have answered all of your research questions from the W column.

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# annotating

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- ❖ Why do we annotate?
- ❖ When we annotate for research, we are looking for answers to our questions.
- ❖ I will show you how I annotated my article so you can do the same.

# Two-Party Political System

<u>Know</u>	<u>Want to Know</u>	<u>Learn</u>
The U.S. has 2 major parties—republican and democrat.	What evidence supports the benefits of a two-party political system?	1
Our nation is very divided politically, but most people I know aren't satisfied with what either party is accomplishing.	What evidence indicates that a two-party system is not the most effective?	2
Both parties have very specific platforms.	What approaches do other democratic countries use that might be more effective?	3
Candidates seem to vote based on party affiliation rather than what is best in a given situation.	Why are there not more political parties in the U.S.?	4

# THE UNKILLABLE TWO-PARTY SYSTEM

Governors and comedians unite to lock in  
the stupid status quo.

MATT WELCH

THE UNPRECEDENTEDLY BIZARRE presidential election we have just survived taught us many unpleasant lessons. Among the most startling was the extent to which, even in a year dominated by voter revulsion at the two leading candidates, the two-party mindset nonetheless continued to maintain a powerful magnetic pull on the actions and reactions of so many people 2

Consider Bill Maher's treatment of Colin Kaepernick. The San Francisco 49ers backup quarterback created a national stir in August by refusing to stand for the National Anthem, explaining: "I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color....There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder." There were follow-up controversies about Kaepernick wearing game socks that portrayed cops as cartoon pigs, about the correlation between anthem protests and plunging NFL TV ratings, and about his truly terrible performance on the field in two blowout losses. But what infuriated the HBO comedian to the point that he called Kaepernick a "**fucking** idiot"? This: After the first presidential debate, the QB noted that both Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are "proven liars" and suggested that the election was about "the lesser of two evils."

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be called the *ghost architecture* of the two-party system, the hidden edifices that trap us in a political duopoly.

Ballot access laws, the bane to every third party's existence, are written, enforced, and interpreted by politicians with primary affiliations to the Democratic and Republican parties. In September, Florida's Division of Elections, which reports directly to GOP Gov. Rick Scott, ruled that independent conservative candidate Evan McMullin, who had been nominated legally by the Independent Party of Florida, would nonetheless not appear on the November ballot.

Why? Because, in a reversal of an order given five years before, the state suddenly decided that qualifying political parties had to be one of the 13 officially recognized "national parties" in the eyes of the Federal Election Commission, even though states obviously have the legal leeway to set their own election guidelines. "Now that the [major] parties are suffering in Florida and are less powerful," *Ballot Access News* guru Richard Winger told *Politico*, "the state feels it can change the rule with impunity."

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Fewer and fewer voters are buying into this dreary us vs. them shtick—the percentage of people who self-identified as "independents" at mid-September of an election year has increased since 2004 from 29 to 35 to 38 to 40, according to Gallup—but that still leaves three-fifths of the adult population with a Pavlovian impulse to mobilize against the Other Guy every time someone bangs the "most important election of our lifetimes" gong.

Human hearts, no matter how damaged, wrong, or plain can always be changed. More challenging is to uproot what might

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Like the drug war and alcohol prohibition before it, the infrastructure constructed by the Democrat/Republican duopoly will live on long after all enthusiasm has drained from it. Of the many urgent projects after the debacle of 2016, few are more important than clearing away the institutional allegiance to parties that have more than outlived their charm. ■

# Reminders

- As you work through developing your own chart, remember that your research will not be limited to what you write down now.
- As you read about your topic, new questions may arise, and you can always come back and add new questions to your W column.



# Credible Sources

- One way to establish ETHOS is to make sure you are using CREDIBLE SOURCES.
- This means that a regular Google search just won't cut it!
- So where do you go to find sources?
  - Google Scholar (<https://scholar.google.com/>)
  - The Tennessee Electronic Library (<http://tnel.tnsos.org/>)
- There are other scholarly options, but for our purposes, this will do just fine!

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# To do today!

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- ❖ Finish finding your articles and doing your research.
- ❖ Annotate your articles. If you don't have one printed, create an email to yourself where you send the article to yourself. Since you cannot annotate on an article you didn't print, you can read it from online and take notes on a separate sheet of paper.
- ❖ Fill out the L side of your chart.
- ❖ If you finish all of that, write your claim for the essay and run it by me.
- ❖ Tomorrow- you must have both printed and annotated articles and your completed KWL chart.

# Now, create your own KWL.

1. Fill in what you already know!
2. Then, create questions for your “W” that are questions you want to know about the topic in order to write a paper about it.
3. Using either Tennessee Electronic Library or Google Scholar, look up a scholarly article about your topic that answers at least 1 of your questions.

Work on this until the end of the period! Ask questions if you need to. I will play music while you work.