# Beyond the Legacy Video Guide:

# Political Parties and Conservatism in American History

1. How was conservatism reflected in our two earliest political parties (Federalists and Democratic Republicans)
2. What is the essential view about central government power that relates to conservatism?
3. How was conservatism reflected during the Jacksonian era?
4. What role did states rights play in the 1960s and the nature of conservatism in the two parties at the time?
5. What were Hoover’s views on the role of government? How did this reflect conservatism at the time?
6. How did the Republicans and Democrats in the 1960’s view Civil rights in relation to conservatism?
7. What does Dr. Brooks assert the parties have done for each other with regard to liberal and conservative threads throughout history?
8. How does Dr. Brooks explain the variances of views from within the parties?
9. What are the purposes of political parties?
10. How does the popular vote in 1824 shape the function and role of political parties?
11. According to Dr. Brooks, what is one of the biggest challenges to political parties today?
12. From your own views and experiences, what do you think about this challenge?