

Argument Essay Style question:

Successful third party presidential campaigns have been rare in U.S. history. Some have argued that reforms are necessary to assist third party candidates and give voters more choices beyond the two main political parties. The most successful third party presidential campaign in U.S. history was Theodore Roosevelt's 1912 run for the presidency. Roosevelt finished in second place with 27 percent of the vote ahead of Republican candidate and incumbent, William Howard Taft.

Develop an argument that explores whether the two-party system should be reformed to allow for more opportunities for third parties. Use at least one piece of evidence from one of the sources provided.

In your essay, you must:

- Respond to the prompt with a defensible claim or thesis that establishes a line of reasoning.
- Support your claim with at least TWO pieces of specific and relevant evidence.
 - One piece of evidence must come from one of the sources provided
 - A second piece of evidence can come from any other source provided not used as your first piece of evidence, or it may be from your knowledge of course concepts.
- Use reasoning to explain why your evidence supports your claim/thesis.
- Respond to an opposing or alternative perspective using refutation, concession, or rebuttal.

Sources:

- Theodore Roosevelt On The Bull Moose Party & 1912 Election | Shapell Manuscript Foundation
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- William Taft wins Republican Nomination Against Theodore Roosevelt | Shapell Manuscript Foundation <https://www.shapell.org/manuscript/taft-roosevelt-rivalry/>
- Theodore Roosevelt William Howard Taft | 1912 Presidential Campaign
<https://www.shapell.org/manuscript/roosevelt-taft-1912-campaign/>
- Triplicity, or Donkey, Moose or Elephant (Sheetmusic) | Library of Congress
<https://www.loc.gov/item/ihas.200155632/>