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SECTION 2

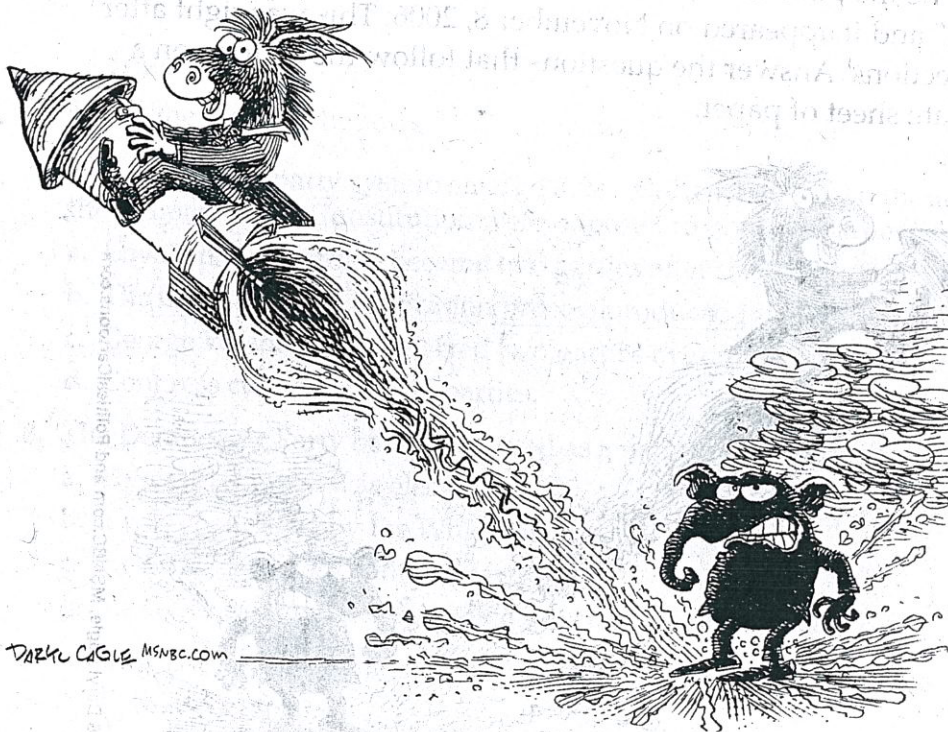
SKILLS WORKSHEET

Two-Party System in American History

Analyze Political Cartoons

In the midterm elections of November 2006, Democrats gained control of both the House of Representatives and the Senate for the first time since 1994. Large numbers of Democrats were also elected to State legislatures and governorships. The election was widely seen as evidence of Americans' dissatisfaction with the Iraq War, the federal government's response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster, and the growing federal deficit—all of which occurred under a Republican president and Congress.

Examine the political cartoon below, titled "Democrats Flying High" (dated November 8, 2006). Then, on a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions that follow.



Apply the Skill

1. Identify the two characters in this cartoon. What do they represent?
2. What symbol does the cartoonist use to represent the Democrats' victory in the 2006 elections?
3. Does the cartoonist think Democrats and Republicans will work together well as a result of the election? Explain your answer.
4. Why is the cartoon titled "Democrats Flying High"?