

United States Government
Chapter 10 Study Guide: Electing Leaders

Name: _____

Key Terms: On flashcards, define the following terms.

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| 1. Political party | 8. Third parties | 15. Open primary |
| 2. Nominate | 9. Precincts | 16. Secret ballot |
| 3. Candidate | 10. Polling place | 17. Popular vote |
| 4. Political spectrum | 11. Independent voters | 18. Elector |
| 5. Two-party system | 12. Primary election | 19. Electoral college |
| 6. Multiparty system | 13. General election | 20. Electoral votes |
| 7. One-party system | 14. Closed primary | 21. Platform |

Questions: Answer the following questions. Use the resources provided on my web site for assistance.

1. What is a political party?
2. What do political parties do?
3. Why do we have a two-party system in the United States?
4. What is the difference between Republicans and Democrats?
5. What are some advantages to a two-party system?
6. How do multiparty and one-party systems work?
7. What is the role of third parties in the United States?

8. Explain the roles of the following pieces of a political party's organization.
 - a. Party committees:

 - b. National committees:

 - c. State committees:

9. What do local party organizations do?

10. How is private financing of campaigns regulated by law?

11. How does public financing of campaigns work?

12. What is required for people to become registered voters?

13. What is the difference between primary elections and general elections?

14. Describe the following types of primary elections.
 - a. Closed primaries:

 - b. Open primaries:

15. How do independent candidates get their names on the ballot?

16. Describe how voting works today.

17. How does the Electoral College affect the process of electing the president?

18. How do states determine who gets their electoral votes?

19. What happens if no candidate receives a majority (270) of the electoral votes?

20. What happens at the party national conventions?

21. How do presidential candidates generally choose their vice presidential candidates?