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## ★ How do we elect the President?

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### The Presidential Election Process Scavenger Hunt Name:

Directions: Use the following website (procon.org) to answer the following questions about the presidential election process.

#### I. [\\*\\*Meet Eligibility Guidelines Set by the US Constitution\\*\\*](#)

1. List the formal (constitutional) requirements to be President and Vice President.

#### II. [\\*\\*Test the Water: Pre-Candidacy Process\\*\\*](#)

2. Identify the purposes of a candidate's **exploratory committee**.

#### III. [\\*\\*Declare Candidacy & File Applications with Federal Election Commission \(FEC\)\\*\\*](#)

3. What threshold must a candidate meet in order to register with the FEC?

4. Why does raising a large amount of money illustrate a candidate is a "serious contender"?

#### IV. [\\*\\*Fundraise and Campaign\\*\\*](#)

5. In what ways does the US presidential election system emphasize the importance of popular participation?

6. What types of actions does a candidate do during the campaign process?

#### V. Party [\\*\\*Primaries\\*\\*](#) [\\*\\*Caucuses\\*\\*](#) , and [\\*\\*Delegates\\*\\*](#)

7. What is the main purpose of a **primary election**?

8. How do **closed primaries** differ from **open primaries**?

9. What happens at a **caucus**?

10. How does federalism play a part in each state having different types of primary and caucus rules?

**Democratic Party:**

11 Why do Democratic delegates matter?

12. How do **pledged delegates** compare with **Superdelegates**? Which political party uses Superdelegates?

13. What type of delegate apportioning system does the Democratic party to use in dividing up candidate delegates?

**Republican Party:**

14. Why do Republican delegates matter?

15. How do **pledged delegates** differ from **unpledged delegates**?

16. What type of delegate apportioning system does the Republican party tend to use in dividing up candidate delegates?

**VI. [\\*\\*Party Conventions\\*\\*](#)**

17. What major decision is formally announced at a party's national convention?

18. How have the roles of party conventions changed through history?

**VII. [\\*\\*General Election Campaign: The Final Candidates\\*\\*](#)**

19. What types of strategic changes does a candidate make during the general election campaign?

20. Why does a candidate usually “shift to the center” during the general election campaign?

21. List the types of campaign activities a candidate (and their staff/supporters) are performing during this stage.

**VIII: [\\*\\*Election Day: Winning the Popular and Electoral Votes\\*\\*](#)**

22. What factor determines the amount of electoral votes a state receives?

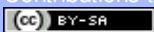
23. Who/what are voters actually choosing when they select a presidential ticket (president & vice president)?

24. What factor



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