

LOOPING THROUGH THE PRIMARY SEASON

Learning Objective(s): The student will

- A. Understand and review the role and development of the primaries in the selection of presidential candidates.
- B. Evaluate the effectiveness of the primary system.

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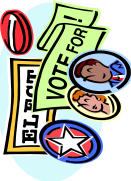
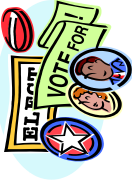
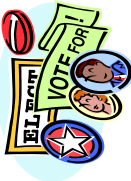

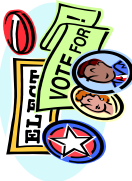

Materials Needed: A set of cards, cut apart

Teaching Strategy:

1. Show the Power Point presentation entitled "Primary Colors."
Discuss the key ideas and terms to build an understanding of the primary process and its importance.
2. Use the "Looping Through the Primary Process" activity as a review of the students' understanding of ideas involved in the selection of presidential candidates through the use of primaries.
3. The teacher should keep the first card-"I have a primary..." The remaining cards should be handed out, one to a pair of students.
4. Allow the students time to review their card before beginning the game. They should brainstorm all they know about the term in the first sentence on the card in order to be able to recognize their term from another student's question. Secondly, they should be able to answer the question on the bottom of their card in case they have to give additional clues to help the other student(s) recognize he/she has the answer to the question being asked.
5. The activity begins when the teacher reads his/her card and the question that follows the statement. The student that has the answer to the question at the top of his/her card then stands and reads the answer. They proceed to read the question that follows at the bottom of their card. The process continues until the loop is complete which occurs when the question read leads back to the "I have a primary" card held by the teacher.
6. To keep all students involved in the game until all cards have been written, have them keep a sheet of paper out to write their answer to each question before the student stands and reads their answer.

Note: The cards are in the correct order on the handout.

Sources: *NEWSHOUR EXTRA (A NewsHour with Jim Lehrer)*
United States Government by Richard c. Remy

<p>I have a direct primary.</p> <p>Who has the original method by which most candidates were previously chosen in private meetings of party leaders and is still used today in some states?</p> 	<p>I have a caucus.</p> <p>Who has the state that traditionally holds the first caucus in the primary season, drawing a great deal of media attention?</p> 
<p>I have Iowa.</p> <p>Who has the state that traditionally holds the first primary in the presidential election season?</p> 	<p>I have New Hampshire.</p> <p>Who has the term that is the official endorsement of a candidate by a political party?</p> 
<p>I have the nomination.</p> <p>Who has the event held in the summer before the general election to officially name the party's presidential and vice-presidential candidates?</p> 	<p>I have the national party convention.</p> <p>Who has the type of primary that is not restricted by party affiliation?</p> 
<p>I have an open primary.</p> <p>Who has the term that describes states holding their primaries and caucuses earlier and earlier to capture more attention for their state?</p> 	<p>I have frontloading.</p> <p>Who has the term referring to the party leaders who are given honorary seats at a nominating convention and aren't bound to vote as the other state delegates?</p> 

I have the super delegates.

Who has the type of primary that is only open to people who are registered as party members?



I have a closed primary.

Who has the term that describes a voting representative to a party nominating convention and is usually pledged to particular candidate?



I have a delegate.

Who has the nickname for the day when a number of states have held their primaries at the same time to balance the importance of earlier contests?



I have Super Tuesday.

Who has the method whereby candidates are allocated the same proportion of a state's delegates as they received votes?



I have proportional system.

Who has the method whereby the candidate that gets the most votes in the primary receives all of that state's delegates?



I have the winner-take-all system.

Who has the term that is defined as having more votes than the any other candidate and the way most states determine the winner in their primary?



I have a plurality.

Who has the preliminary election in which party members select the candidate to run in the general election convention?

