



Political Parties and Elections Study Guide

We have studied some wondrous and beautiful stuff during this unit. Answer these questions to test your knowledge about this unit. DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT YOUR OLD ECONOMICS TEST AS A COUPLE OF REVIEW QUESTIONS MIGHT CROP UP.

1. What are the differences between a liberal and a conservative? Which political party is liberal? Which political party is conservative?
2. What are the four functions of political parties? What is the most important job of political parties?
3. What is the role of third parties in the United States?
4. What is a political platform? What is a political plank? Who writes the party platform?
5. What is a moderate? Why do political parties appeal to the political center during campaigns?
6. Who qualifies to vote in Virginia?
7. How do citizens register to vote in Virginia?
8. How does mass media influence elections?
9. What are the six types of propaganda that we studied?
10. How should we evaluate campaign information to check for bias?
11. What is libel? Why is it difficult for elected officials to prove libel? What impact does this have on campaign ads?

12. What government agency is responsible for regulating speech expressed through mass media?
13. How do **we** influence elections?
14. What is an interest group? Provide an example of one interest group you may like to join one day.
15. What are lobbyists?
16. What are PACs?
17. Why are PACs so important to candidates?
18. What are the two methods of elections here in the United States?
19. By which method is the president of the United States elected?
20. Explain the steps of the Electoral College?
21. Why does Ms. Levinson like the Cowboy Junkies?
22. Why does Mr. Teller like Rick Springfield?
23. What is wrong with these two teachers?