Who recruits and nominates candidates, educates the electorate, helps candidates win elections, and monitors office holders?	Political Parties
What type of political system does the United States have?	Two-party system
How are political parties the same?	Organize to win elections, influence public policy, reflect liberal and conservative views, appeal to the political center
Where do you look to learn about the differences between political parties?	Party platform

Third parties often revolve around what two things?	An issue or person
What is a minor party in a two-party system?	Third party
Why are third parties important?	Introduce new ideas and take votes away from main party candidates
What are strategies for evaluating campaign media?	Separating fact from opinion, Identifying propaganda, Detecting bias, Evaluating sources

Who identifies candidates, emphasizes selected issues, writes editorials/political cartoons/op-eds, and broadcasts different points of view?	Mass Media
What are the 4 types of mass media?	Radio, newspapers, internet, tv
Is running for political office cheap or expensive?	Expensive
What do rising campaign costs require candidates to do?	Extensive fund-raising

What is required before a citizen can vote?	Voter registration
What are the qualifications to vote in VA?	US citizen, resident of VA, 18 years old
How do you register to vote in VA?	DMV, Registrar's office, mail-in application
How many days before an election does registration close?	22 days

What are the factors that influence which citizens will vote?	Education, age, income
Why do citizens fail to vote?	Lack of interest, failure to register
What type of election generally has the highest voter turnout?	Presidential
What is the official process used to elect the President and Vice President?	Electoral College

The Electoral College is used to elect who?	President and Vice President
How many total electoral votes are there?	538
How many electoral votes does a candidate need to win?	270
What do you call the members of the Electoral College?	Electors

Who are the everyday voters who vote in elections called?	Electorate
The number of electors each state gets is based on what?	Congressional representation
The Electoral College favors what type of political system?	Two-party
The place where voters go to cast their ballots is called a	Polling place

A local voting district in a county, city, or ward is called a	Precinct
Who is the official keeper of records?	Registrar
What do we call someone who runs for elective office?	Candidate
What are the two main political parties?	Democrats and Republicans