$\left.\left.\begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline \begin{array}{c}\text { Who recruits and nominates } \\ \text { candidates, educates the } \\ \text { electorate, helps candidates } \\ \text { win elections, and monitors } \\ \text { office holders? }\end{array} & \text { Political Parties } \\ \text { What type of political } \\ \text { system does the United } \\ \text { States have? }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c}\text { Two-party system }\end{array}\right] \begin{array}{c}\text { How are political parties } \\ \text { the same? }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Organize to win elections, } \\ \text { influence public policy, } \\ \text { reflect liberal and } \\ \text { conservative views, appeal to } \\ \text { the political center }\end{array}\right\}$

Third parties often revolve around what two things?

What is a minor party in a two-party system?

Why are third parties important?

## An issue or person

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


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

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\begin{array}{|c|c|}\hline \begin{array}{c}\text { What are the factors that } \\
\text { influence which citizens } \\
\text { will vote? }\end{array} & \text { Education, age, income } \\
\hline & \\
\text { Why do citizens fail to } \\
\text { vote? }\end{array}
$$ \quad \begin{array}{c}Lack of interest, failure to <br>

register\end{array}\right]\)| What type of election |
| :---: |
| generally has the highest |
| voter turnout? |$\quad$| Presidential |
| :---: |
| What is the official <br> process used to elect the <br> President and Vice <br> President? |


| 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 <br> voters who vote in <br> elections called? | Electorate |
| :---: | :---: |
| The number of electors <br> each state gets is based on <br> what? | Congressional <br> representation |
| The Electoral College <br> favors what type of <br> political system? | Two-party |
| The place where voters go <br> to cast their ballots is <br> called a... | Polling place |


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

