

Political Parties and Elections

Matching- Match each definition with the correct term.

_____ Interest Group

_____ Political Action Committee (PAC)

_____ Lobbyist

_____ National Party Committee

_____ State Party Committee

_____ Local Party Committee

- a. Person or group who tries to convince a congressman to support a piece of legislation.
- b. Group of people whose main job is to get their party's candidate elected to the presidency.
- c. Group of people whose main job is to get their party's candidate elected as a Senate or Governor.
- d. Group of people whose main job is to help elect party candidates to offices such as the House of Representatives and County Commissioners
- e. Group that supports a particular issue or idea that works to get candidates **elected** that also support that issue or idea
- f. Group of people who support the same issue or idea.

- 1) **In Column A put the steps in the Presidential Election Process in order with 1 being the first step and 4 being the last step.**
- 2) **In Column B (on the line) write the name of the step from Column A that is being described by each set of ideas.**
- 3) **Write the letter of the description in Column C next to the correct term in Column B.**

Column A	Column B	Column C
_____ National Convention	<hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July or August • Platform (_____) • Nomination of candidates • Delegates from each state (_____) 	<p>A. elections where people registered with any party can votes</p> <p>B. the candidate who wins the state gets all the electoral votes.</p> <p>C. representative</p>
_____ Primaries	<hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January to June • Open (_____) • Closed (_____) 	<p>D. people who actually elect the president</p> <p>E. statement of party beliefs</p>
_____ Electoral College	<hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November • Exit Polls (_____) • Winner-take-all system (_____) • Split/straight ticket voting (_____) 	<p>F. election where only party members can vote</p> <p>G. a survey taken after people have voted to see how they voted</p> <p>H. number of votes needed to win the presidential election</p>
_____ General Election	<hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December • 270 needed to win (_____) • Electors vote in state capitals (_____) • Today vote is a formality 	<p>I. voting for every candidate in a particular party</p>