**American Government**

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**1.** Is the nomination process set by the Constitution, federal law, State law,

or some other way? Explain.

**2.** What is a presidential primary?

**3.** What is “front-loading,” and what effect has it had on primary campaigns?

4**.** How are primaries different for the party in power and the party out of power?

**5.** Explain two proposals to reform the primary process.

**6.** What are the first two delegate-selection events in the country?

**7.** What nominating event takes place after all of the primaries and caucuses?

**8.** What are the three major goals of this event?

**a.**

**b.**

**c.**

**9.** What are some other objectives parties hope their conventions will accomplish?

**10.** What are some of the common characteristics of presidential candidates?



**11.** Name four reasons why the 2008 presidential race was historic.

**a.**

**b.**

**c.**

**d.**

**12.** Why are the presidential primaries so important?

**13.** How can a presidential primary help ensure that a party gets strong candidates for President?

**14.** What stops political parties from reforming the presidential primary process?