**How to Become President of the United States Notes**

Constitutional Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Step 1: Primaries & Caucuses**

Most states hold a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in which voters cast secret ballots for the best candidate that will represent the party in the general election.

In some states, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is held to select the best candidate from each party through discussions and open votes.

What are the two major political parties? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Step 2: National Convention**

Each \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ holds a national \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to select a final presidential \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. At the convention, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ candidate announces a running mate (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Candidate).

What do you think a Presidential candidate is looking for in a Vice President?

**Step 3: Campaigns**

The Presidential candidates \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ throughout the country to win the support of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

What do you think about the campaign ads you have seen?

**Step 4: General Election**

People in every state across the country \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a President and Vice President. When people cast their vote, they are voting for a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of people known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who are part of the process called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Step 5: Electoral College**

In the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system, each state gets a certain number of electors based on its representation in Congress. Each elector casts \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vote following the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ election, and the candidate who gets more than half (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) wins.

**Step 6: Inauguration Day**

Inauguration Day (the day the President takes office) is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If January 20th is on a Sunday, the President takes office with public ceremonies held on January 21st.