Lesson 16.1 “What Is a Primary?”

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What Is a Primary?

1. As you watch the video “What Is a Primary?” listen for the following vocabulary words. When the video is over, try to match each word with its definition.

   a) ________________________________
      A device used to record a vote in an election. Can be made of paper, an object, or electronic.

   b) ________________________________
      The leader in a political race before the election ends.

   c) ________________________________
      A person who is behind in a contest and not expected to win.

   d) ________________________________
      An election before the general, national election when voters choose from candidates within a political party.

   e) ________________________________
      The final election that decides who will win a position.

   f) ________________________________
      Someone who is applying for a job.

   g) ________________________________
      Someone who is proposed for a position, usually by another person or group.

   h) ________________________________
      An organized group of people with similar goals and opinions about how a nation should function.
2. What’s the difference between a nominee and a candidate?

3. Fill in the bracket to show how your classroom primary narrows down the choices.
4. What were the results of your class vote? Show the results of your vote in a bar graph.

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5. What’s the difference between the sport chosen most and the sport chosen least?

6. Are summer sports or winter sports more popular in your class? How can you show this visually?
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7. What’s the result of your general election? Show the results visually in a way that makes sense for you.

8. **Review:** What is a primary? Why do we have them?

What impact does a primary election have on U.S. presidential elections?
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Alpine skier in New Hampshire
Source: New Hampshire Historical Society
Tennis instruction in New Hampshire
Source: New Hampshire Historical Society
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Ice hockey in New Hampshire
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Snowmobiling in New Hampshire
Source: New Hampshire Historical Society
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Dog sledding in New Hampshire
Source: New Hampshire Historical Society
Fishing in Emerald Pool, Peabody-River Glen
Source: New Hampshire Historical Society
Swimming in New Hampshire's lakes
Source: New Hampshire Historical Society
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Ice fishing in New Hampshire
Source: New Hampshire Historical Society
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Golf course at Crawford House
Source: New Hampshire Historical Society
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Sailing on New Hampshire's lakes
Source: New Hampshire Historical Society
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Hiking on Nelson Crag Trail on Mt. Washington
Source: New Hampshire Historical Society
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Cross country skiing on Edelweiss Trail in Plymouth
Source: New Hampshire Historical Society
Canoeing on New Hampshire's lakes
Source: New Hampshire Historical Society
What Is a Primary?

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   i) _______ballot____________________ A device used to record a vote in an election. Can be made of paper, an object, or electronic.
   j) _______front-runner_________________ The leader in a political race before the election ends.
   k) _______underdog____________________ A person who is behind in a contest and not expected to win.
   l) _______primary election______________ An election before the general, national election when voters choose from candidates within a political party.
   m) _______general election______________ The final election that decides who will win a position.
   n) _______candidate____________________ Someone who is applying for a job.
   o) _______nominee______________________ Someone who is proposed for a position, usually by another person or group.
   p) _______political party________________ An organized group of people with similar goals and opinions about how a nation should function.
2. What’s the difference between a nominee and a candidate?

Candidate
- Decides themselves whether to apply
- There are usually many

Nominee
- Applying to a job
- Trying to get a position
- Proposed to position by others
- Usually only one per group

3. Fill in the bracket to show how your classroom primary narrows down the choices. **Possible Responses**

**Winter Sports Category**
- downhill skiing!
- ice hockey
- snow mobiling
- skating

**Summer Sports Category**
- swimming
- hiking
- sailing
- tennis

Nominee!
Nominee!
4. What were the results of your class vote? Show the results of your vote in a bar graph. **Possible Responses**

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Possible Responses: Downhill skiing got eight votes; skating and swimming got 0 votes. The difference between those is eight.

5. Are summer sports or winter sports more popular in your class? How can you show this visually? **Possible Responses: Winter sports are more popular; 14 for winter and 12 for summer.**
7. What’s the result of your general election? Show the results visually in a way that makes sense for you.

![General Election Results](chart)

**Possible Responses:**

General election: Hiking 16, Downhill skiing 10

8. **Review**: What is a primary? Why do we have them?

A primary is a first election which we have in order to help narrow down the choices for a position.

What impact does a primary election have on U.S. presidential elections?

A primary narrows down the candidates for president. It makes it so the general election has one Republican and one Democrat.
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**Vocabulary Practice Crossword**

**Across**
3. Something that records a vote in an election
5. A person who is behind in a contest and not expected to win
7. Someone who is proposed for a position
8. The final election that decides who will win a position

**Down**
1. The leader in a contest before the election ends
2. An election before the general, national election when voters choose from candidates within a political party
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The Process of an Election

What happens first in an election? What happens next? Put the events in order either by rewriting them or cutting them out and putting the shapes in order.

Primary election where each party chooses their nominee

General election where the voters choose one nominee for the position

Many candidates declare they will run for a position

Two nominees campaign against each other for a position

Many candidates campaign for a position
Across
3. Something that records a vote in an election: BALLOT

5. A person who is behind in a contest and not expected to win: UNDERDOG

7. Someone who is proposed for a position: NOMINEE

8. The final election that decides who will win a position: GENERAL ELECTION (no space)

Down
1. The leader in a contest before the election ends: FRONT-RUNNER (no hyphen)

2. An election before the general, national election when voters choose from candidates within a political party: PRIMARY ELECTION (no space)

4. An organized group of people with similar goals and opinions about politics: POLITICAL PARTY (no space)

6. Someone who is applying for a job: CANDIDATE
The Process of an Election

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2. Many candidates campaign for a position
3. Primary election where each party chooses their nominee
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5. General election where the voters choose one nominee for the position