



UNIT 16 VOCABULARY LIST

accessible	(adjective) Able to be reached
ballot	(noun) Something used to cast votes in an election. Ballots can either be on a piece of paper or a computer
ballot box	(noun) A secure enclosure where ballots are collected to be counted
campaign	(noun) A connected series of events or actions to make something happen; for example, a political campaign is waged to win elections (verb) To work in an organized way towards a goal. In a presidential primary, a candidate campaigns to win the election
candidate	(noun) Someone who is applying for a job. In a presidential primary election, a candidate is a person who is trying to get the job of president of the United States
civic duty	(noun) Responsibilities a person has because they are a citizen, like serving on a jury, paying taxes, or voting
civic engagement	(noun) Actions taken to participate in the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in a community
democracy	(noun) A government ruled by majority vote of the people
front-runner	(noun) The person who everyone thinks is going to win an election
general election	(noun) The final election that decides who will win a position. In the presidential general election, it is a national election where voters choose from nominees from different political parties
good citizenship	(noun) Actions people take to appropriately behave as a member of a community, such as civic duty
inhabitant	(noun) Someone who lives in a particular place for a period of time



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media	noun) A system to communicate with a large number of people, such as television, radio, or newspapers; for example, the news media communicates about events
nominee	(noun) Someone who is proposed for a position. In a presidential primary election, the nominee is the candidate who wins the most votes among all the candidates from the political party
political party	noun) An organized group of people with similar goals and opinions about how a nation should function. The United States has two major political parties: the Democratic Party and the Republican Party
poll	(noun) Questioning voters ahead of an election to try to predict the results
polling place	(noun) A public place where citizens go to vote
primary election	(noun) An election before the general election when voters choose which candidates will represent each party in the general election
retail politics	(noun) A style of political campaigning in which the candidate tries to connect with individual voters by attending local events and talking with people
tradition	(noun) A well-known belief or custom shared by a group of people over many years
underdog	(noun) A person who is behind in a contest and not expected to win
vet	(verb) To evaluate for a position. Voters carefully examine a candidate's ideas, past actions, and plans for the future
voter participation	noun) The number of people who are able to vote that actually do vote. This number is most often shown as a percentage