**Primary Elections explained Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Class\_\_\_\_**

YouTube video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_95I_1rZiIs>

Watch the Video titled “Primary Elections Explained”.

**A primary election is an election that narrows the field of candidates before the general election. Primary elections are one means by which a political party nominates candidates for the next general election.**

Answer the questions below, in complete sentences, based on the topics discussed in the video. Take your time. You can start, pause and go back as much as you need. You can choose to print this or answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper typed or handwritten works for me. Don’t forget to put your name on it!

1. How do parties select their candidates for president?
2. Who becomes the party’s official nominee?
3. What are the 5 “complications” to this process?
4. Clearly describe the differences between PRIMARYS and CAUCUSES.
5. Which seems to be the simplest method of choosing a candidate and why? Primary’s or Caucuses?
6. Who can vote? (Be specific) What are the two exceptions?
7. What is a closed primary? Why is it referred to as “Closed”?
8. What is an open primary? Why is it referred to as “Open”?
9. Can independents vote in a closed Primary? In what kinds of Primary’s may independents vote?
10. Which state has the first primary? (Be careful! This could be a trick question!) Not that I would EVER do that!
11. What is SUPER TUESDAY? Why does this event happen?
12. Delegates?!?! AH GEEZ! (Im sooo confused!) What do these guys do? Are they obligated to vote the same way the citizens did? SPLAIN! (er…explain!)
13. Who are the delegates? Give examples
14. What is a National Convention? Explain what happens there! (ugh! Really Mr B! This is SOOO BORING!)
15. SUPER DELEGATES! ???What!?!? Just when I was starting to understand this. Who are these guys and what can they do?
16. Ok…Now after ALL this stuff who REALLY makes the final decision nominating the party candidate?
17. Summarize the ENTIRE nomination process in a 3 to 5 sentence paragraph! (REALLY?! WHY?!? Cuz I like to make you suffer! ;)