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- A. a group of people who work together to celebrate politics
- B. a group of people who have similar ideas about what the government should do
- C. a group of people who work together to stop others from voting

2. The article describes some examples of political parties in the United States. What is one example from the text of a political party in the United States?

- A. the American Party
- B. the Republican Party
- C. the Birthday Party

3. The people of a political party work together to elect people of their party into government office. Political parties in the United States nominate, or choose, the people they want to elect.

Based on this information, who do political parties nominate for a government office?

- A. people from another country
- B. people of a different political party
- C. people of their own political party

4. Based on the text, how are the Democratic Party and the Republican Party different?

- A. The Democratic Party and the Republican party have different ideas about what the government should do.
- B. The Democratic Party and the Republican party have different ideas about how to elect people into office.
- C. The Democratic Party and the Republican party have different ideas about how to throw parties.

5. What is the main idea of this article?

- A. The Republican Party and the Democratic Party both have had their candidates become president.
- B. The United States has two main political parties that work to get their candidates elected.
- C. The United States has many small political parties that work to help American voters.

6. Read these sentences from the text.

"Political parties in the United States nominate, or choose, the people they want to elect. Once those people are chosen, party members work to win votes for their candidates. Party members want their candidates to be the ones making laws and the ones carrying out those laws."

Based on these sentences, what does the word "candidate" mean?

- A. a person who stays out of the government
- B. a person who votes for a party member
- C. a person that a political party wants to elect

7. Choose the answer that best completes this sentence.

Political parties choose their candidates, _____ they try to get people to vote for them.

- A. while
- B. after
- C. then

8. What do political parties try to do for their candidates?

9. Why are American voters important in elections?

10. Why might political party members work hard to get voters to support their candidates? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

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They try to win votes for their candidates.- They try to get their candidates elected.

9. Why are American voters important in elections?

The voters are the ones who decide which candidates get elected.

10. Why might political party members work hard to get voters to support their candidates? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

Answers may vary slightly, but should be supported with evidence from the text. Students may note that political party members have similar ideas as the candidates they nominate, so they want their candidates to win elections. But since voters decide who gets elected, party members need to get voters to support their candidates.