



Worksheet 7 – Elections Key Terms

Link the statements correctly to each of the 4 key terms by placing a ✓ in the correct column.

	Primary	Caucus	'Invisible primary'	National nominating conventions
An intra-state (multi state) election to select the Democrat or Republican candidate for the presidential election.				
Where the party's officially ratify their nominees for president and vice president.				
Normally found in less densely populated states such a Nevada.				
A period when potential candidates make their first public appearances, start opinion polling and fund raising.				
The first is in Iowa.				
The rules for the contests are decided by the individual States themselves.				
They only contain party activists.				
A national media event in which the parties seek to demonstrate unity and drawing together.				
Where potential candidates test the political waters.				
A period in which the political candidate seeks to gain an advantage over potential rivals by getting an early start.				
Where the political parties set out their policy agenda for the forthcoming elections.				
The first of these was in New Hampshire.				

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This can be open to anyone or closed to only party members.				
A time where the candidate seeks to gain an electoral bounce to give them momentum in the polls.				
This is for the states that do not hold primaries to select their presidential nominee?				
Held in the period before the official primaries and Caucuses start.				
Also referred to as 'low-turnout high intensity elections'.				