

POLITICAL VOCABULARY WORDS

Ballot

A piece of paper where voters can mark their vote for a specific candidate.

Bipartisan

When two political parties work together and both support something.

Campaign

(verb): To work toward getting elected.

Candidate

A person who wishes to be nominated or chosen.

Election Campaign

(noun): The process through which candidates try to persuade people to vote for them.

Grassroots Movement

An organized effort that develops naturally about an issue, spreading throughout the state or even the country.

Nomination

When a political party chooses its official candidate for office.

Non-Partisan

When something or someone is neutral—neither Republican nor Democrat.

Platform

The official position a party adopts toward something.

Political Party

An organization that wants its members elected to power. The two most popular political parties in the United States are the Democrats and Republicans.

Democrat: One who belongs to the Democratic Party in the United States; often



related to being liberal.

The party's symbol is a donkey.

Republican: One who belongs to the Republican Party in the United States; often



related to being conservative.

The party's symbol is an elephant.

Poll

A survey to help show public opinion about issues or to predict an election's outcome.