1.DNL.SES **Assessment** Thursday 12th December 2024.

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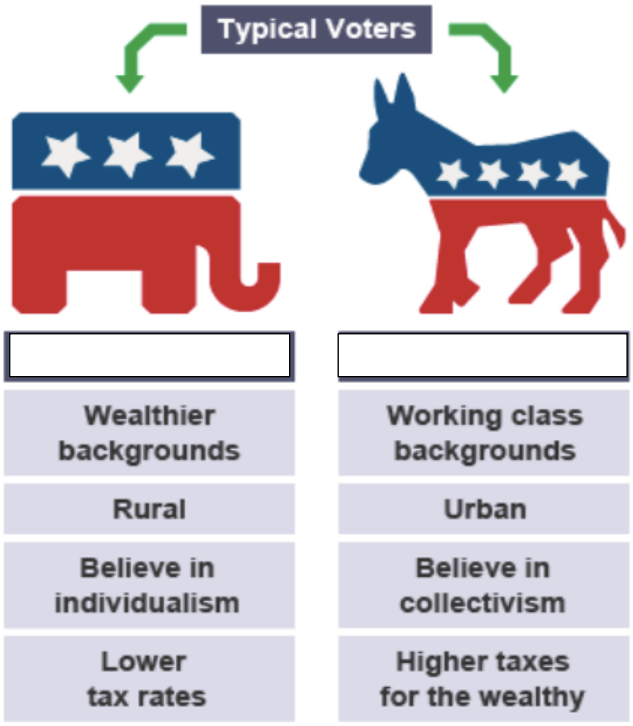
The US Presidential Election

Document 1: Political participation and representation in the US.



BBC Bitesize - National 4 Modern Studies - USA - http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/guides

1. Fill in the blanks (1 mark)

2. What philosophy does each party refer to? (1 mark)

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3. What does each philosophy mean? Use and explain at least two relevant examples illustrating each party's philosophy. (5 marks)

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Document 2: One issue addressed during the second debate on Monday the 9th September 2024.

Reproductive rights

Harris became the face of the administration's fight for reproductive rights and abortion access after the fall of Roe. v. Wade (1), traveling the country to speak on the issue.
She has called on Congress to pass a law restoring protections to the right to abortion that were guaranteed by Roe. She's been highly critical of state-level restrictions, questioning why Republican lawmakers don't "trust women."
Trump frequently touts his role in nominating three Supreme Court justices who voted to overrule Roe but has changed his stance on some issues as the campaign's gone on. While he previously voiced support for a nationwide ban, he now says it should be up to states to regulate abortion access.
Recently, he declared that under his administration, the government or company insurance would be mandated to pay for all costs associated with in vitro fertilization or IVF (2). Though he didn't specify how exactly the program would work or be funded.

https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/kamala-harris-donald-trump-stand-key-issues-heading/story?id=113433411

(1) Roe. v. Wade: a landmark decision of the US Supreme Court in which the Court ruled that the Constitution of the United States protected a right to have an abortion.
(2) IVF: fécondation in vitro

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1. What does K. Harris advocate for? (1 mark)

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2. Show that Trump's view on abortion has changed. (1 mark)

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3. Quote elements showing the two contenders' opposite views about reproductive rights. (2 marks)

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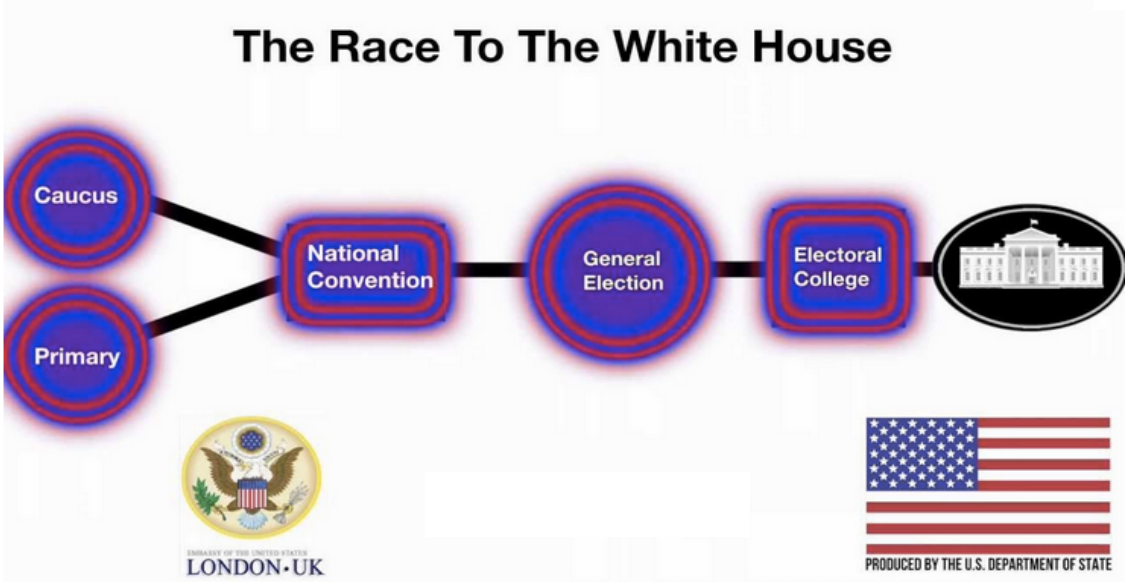

1. What will happen on the 20th of January 2025 in the US? (1 mark)

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2. Give the main differences between a caucus and a primary (2 marks)

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3. Write down a paragraph explaining how long and complicated the process of the US presidential election is. You must use the expressions in the document and underline them in your text. (5 marks)

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Correction

Document 1: Political participation and representation in the US.

1. Fill in the blanks: Republican for the Elephant; Democrat for the Donkey lower tax rates for Republican, higher taxes for the wealthy. (1 mark)
2. What philosophy does each party refer to? (1 mark)
   The Democrat party refers to a liberal philosophy whereas the Republican party refers to a conservative philosophy.
3. What does each philosophy mean? Use and explain at least two relevant examples illustrating each party philosophy. (5 marks)

A liberal philosophy is based on more progressive values such as rights for minorities, abortion and assistance for the poor. Economically, Democrats are more likely to believe in a bigger role for government in the economy, for example in providing health insurance (Obamacare).
In addition, the Democrats are more likely to support workers' rights and issues such as the national minimum wage.
A conservative philosophy involves supporting free market capitalism, limited government, strong national defense, opposing regulation and labor unions, and supporting socially conservative policies. According to the free market The Republican party stands for business, small government and low taxation. Furthermore, It disapproves of liberal causes such as abortion rights and gay marriage showing its conservative values.

Document 2: One issue addressed during the second debate on Sunday the 9th October.

1. What does K. Harris advocate for? (1 mark)
2. Show that Trump's view on abortion has changed. (1 mark)
3. Quote elements showing the two contenders' opposite.

Document 3: The race to the white house.

1. On the 20th of January 2025 the next President of the US will be sworn, either K. Harris or D. Trump. It is the Inauguration day.

2. In a caucus, party members select the best candidate through a series of discussions and votes. It is an informal and local meeting.
To the opposite, through a primary, party members vote in a secret ballot for the best candidate that will represent them in the general election.

3. People who want to be president have their own ideas about how our government should work. People with similar ideas belong to the same political party, this is where primaries and caucuses come in. Candidates from each political party campaign throughout the country to win the favor of their party members.
Each party holds a national convention to finalize the selection of one presidential nominee. At each convention, the presidential candidate chooses a running-mate (vice presidential candidate).
The presidential candidates campaign throughout the country in an attempt to win the support of the general population.
People in every state across the country vote for one president and one vice president called a ticket. When people cast their vote, they are actually voting for a group of people known as electors.
In the Electoral College system, each state gets a certain number of electors, based on each state's total number of representation in Congress.
Each elector casts one electoral vote following the general election; there are a total of 538 electoral votes. The candidate that gets more than half (270) wins the election.
The president-elect and vice president-elect take the oath of office and are inaugurated in January.