1. **Content Vocabulary**

**Directions:** *Write the letter of the correct definition next to each word or phrase.*

1. National Committee 8. Direct Primary
2. Political Party 9. Closed Primary
3. Caucus 10. Platform
4. Precinct 11. Open Primary
5. Two-Party System 12. Plurality
6. Political Machine 13. Majority
7. Third Party
8. Election in which only declared members of a party can vote for that party’s nominee
9. Powerful party organization that dominates local elections
10. Meeting of state and local party organizations
11. Largest number of votes
12. Election in which voters choose candidates to represent each party in a general election
13. Geographic area containing a specific number of voters
14. Group of party members from every state that raises funds and organizes the party’s convention
15. Election in which voters choose candidates for a general election without having to declare their party affiliation
16. More than 50 percent of the total votes cast
17. Organization of people with shared political beliefs that hopes to win elections and operate the government
18. Term for a minor political party
19. A party’s expression of its beliefs and its position on important issues
20. A type of political system in which two major political parties compete for power
21. **Academic Vocabulary**

**Directions:** *Write a context sentence for each word. Remember that a context sentence gives clues about the word’s meaning.*

1. Stress: to give special importance to, emphasize
2. Promote: to advance a cause or idea
3. Adjacent: neighboring, next to
4. **Combined Vocabulary Reinforcement**

**Directions:** *Complete the following sentences by selecting the content or academic vocabulary term that best fits the blank. Not all terms are used. Pick the correct one out of the three given.*

1. The members of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (national committee/plurality/closed primary make the arrangements for a party’s national convention.
2. The Democrats and Republicans are the main parties in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (majority/petition/precinct).
3. Health-care reform was an issue in the Democratic Party’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (direct primary/platform/precinct).
4. New York’s Tammany Hall was an example of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (political machine/two-party system/platform).
5. A political party may \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (caucus/stress/petition) the inexperience of the other party’s candidate.
6. There can be a wide \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (plurality/range/platform) of opinions within one political party.
7. You may vote in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (majority/precinct/third party) that is located in a neighborhood (political machine/open primary/adjacent) to the neighborhood where you live.
8. The most common method of choosing candidates to run in general elections is by means of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (direct primary/caucus/plurality).