**5.1 Campaigns and Elections Questions**

**SSCG7d: Identify how amendments extend the right to vote**

1. What is the most important right in the Democracy?
2. When our country first started who were the only people that could vote?
3. What does Suffrage mean?
4. Who did the 15th Amendment extend the right to vote to?
5. How did Southern States still limit that right?
6. Who did the 19th Amendment extend the right to vote to?
7. What was the result of the 24th Amendment?
8. What was the cause of the 26th Amendment?
9. What was the new voting age after the 26th Amendment?

**SSCG15: Demonstrate knowledge of local, state, and national elections.**

**SSCG15a: Describe the historical development, organization, role, and constituencies of political parties.**

1. What is a political party?
2. What does it mean when people say “the U.S. has a two party system”
3. What are the two major U.S. Political Parties?
4. What is another name for one of them?
5. What are two characteristics of minor parties?
6. What type of role can they play in an election?
7. When did the first political parties begin?
8. Who were the leaders of the first parties?
9. When did we have both of the current modern parties?
10. How are political parties organized?
11. Who is at the top of the National Party?
12. What is the role of the national and state parties?
13. What are the roles of the local organizations?
14. Who typically aligns with the Democrats?
15. Who typically aligns with the Republicans?
16. Where do we typically get our party identification from?
17. What are some other factors that impact party identification?

**SSCG15b: Describe the nomination and election process.**

1. What is the first step in an election?
2. What is a nomination?
3. What is a Primary?
4. What is the difference between and Open and Closed Primary?
5. How is a Caucus different from a Primary?
6. What is the General Election?
7. What are the three goals of a convention?
8. What is the Party Platform?
9. When is the Presidential General Election?
10. How many votes in the Electoral College does a candidate need?
11. What is the Electoral College?
12. Why did the founders use the Electoral College?
13. What amendment outline the process for counting votes?

**SSCG15c: Examine campaign funding and spending and the influence of special interest groups on elections.**

1. How much money was spent on the 2016 Presidential Campaign?
2. What do they spend all the money on?
3. How do they raise money?
4. What is a PAC?
5. Why would a PAC give money to a candidate?

**SSCG15d: Examine how recent policy changes and Supreme Court rulings have impacted the campaign finance process.**

1. What court case has influenced campaign finance?
2. How are PAC and SUPER PACs different?

**SSCG15e: Analyze the influence of media coverage, campaign advertising, and public opinion polls.**

1. What is the Media?
2. What are the three ways that the Media has influence politics?
3. What is purpose of campaign advertising?
4. What does advertising typically focus on?
5. What are public opinion polls?
6. How can they be carried out?
7. What are polls used for?