

Lesson plans for Civics for the week of 5/17/10 – 5/21/10

Monday 5/17/10

Warm-up: Read Chapter in Brief on page 177 and do the chapter 7 test forms A& B

Tuesday 5/18/10

1. Nominating procedure
  - 1<sup>st</sup> self-announcement you say your running
    - a. Caucus like minded people choose a candidate
    - b. Convention party hold a meeting to choose a candidate
    - c. Direct primary
    - d. Petition mostly at the local level
  2. Types of primaries
    - a. Direct
    - b. Closed
    - c. OpenDifferences between open and closed
    - Closed prevents 1 party from raiding
    - Closed helps make candidates more responsive
    - Closed helps make voters more thoughtful
    - Open don't have to make party preference known
    - Open doesn't exclude independents
3. People's arguments against primaries
  - a. Makes elections too long
  - b. Bed sheet ballots
  - c. Expensive
  - d. Divisive
  - e. Uninformed voters
4. Fighting Bob LaFollette called for ending the caucus and convention system direct primary
5. Feds control national elections more now and time and dates

Tuesday after the first Monday

6. State control most election stuff
  - a. Absentee voting
7. Coattail effect
  - Strong candidate brings everyone on the ballot in his/her party along
7. Where do we vote
  - a. Precincts
  - b. Polling places
8. How do we cast the ballot
  - a. Australian
  - b. The office-group ballot

- c. Party column ballot
  - d. Sample ballot
  - e. Bed sheet ballot
  - f. Voting machines
  - g. Vote by mail
  - h. Online voting
9. Where does the money for elections come from
- Personal
  - Private donations
  - Public donations
  - PACS
  - Subsidies
- 10 How do we regulate political spending and finance?
- FECA
  - Watergate
  - Buckley v Valeo
  - Federal Election Commission
    - Disclosure requirements
    - Limits on contributions
    - Limits on PACs
    - Limits on expenditures
    - Public funding
      - Loopholes
        - Soft money
        - Independent campaign spending
        - Issue ads

Wednesday 5/20/10

Read page 206 Chapter in brief and do chapter 8 test form A&B

Thursday 5/21/10

Read Chapter in brief on page 235 and do chapter 9 test form A& B

Friday 5/22/10

Read Chapter in Brief on page 445 and do chapter 16 test form A & B