

I Can Statements: Unit 5 Elections and Political Parties

Essential Standards	I Can Statements
Analyze America's two-party system in terms of the political and economic views that led to its emergence and the role that political parties play in American politics (CE.C&G.2.8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I can explain why we have a two party system in US.• I can describe the difference between the two major political parties.• I can describe the political spectrum of ideas - radical, liberal, moderate, conservative, reactionary.• I can explain the purpose of a national convention, party platforms and planks.
Explain ways laws have been influenced by political parties, constituents, interest groups, lobbyists, the media and public opinion (CE.C&G.3.6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I can describe what an interest group is and how it can influence elections.• I can describe the role of a lobbyist plays in influencing elections• I can describe what a PAC is and the changing role PACs have had in recent political campaigns.• I can analyze how propaganda and bias are used in political campaigns.• I can describe the ways people use initiative, referendum, and recall to influence laws.
Analyze the election process at the national, state and local levels in terms of the checks and balances provided by qualifications and procedures for voting (CE.C&G.5.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I can list the constitutional qualifications to vote and evaluate state requirements.• I can describe laws and amendments that have expanded suffrage throughout US history• I can explain the purpose and process of a primary and general election.• I can explain the process of electing the President.• I can evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the Electoral College.