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Brain Pop: Election 2016

Directions: Answer the following questions while watching the Brain Pop.

1. How often does the U.S. Presidential Election take place?

Every 4 years

1. Describe each political party:

DEMOCRATS: increase taxes to help people in need

REPUBLICANS: decrease taxes so people have more money to spend to

help the economy

1. What do we call state by state elections to determine who will represent each party in the election? Primaries and caucuses

**Electoral College:**

1. How is the number of electors each state has determined? Based on population
2. How many electoral votes does a candidate need to win the election? 270/538
3. Explain how a candidate wins each state (winner take all)?

A candidate needs to win the majority of a state’s popular vote and then they receive all of the state’s electoral votes

1. Is it possible to win the popular vote and still lose the election?

Yes Has it ever happened? Yes in 2000

1. What is a *swing state*? A state that has no consistency of voting either democratic or republican (a battle ground state)
2. What does *mudslinging* mean? Personal attacks and insults during an election
3. According to the U.S. Constitution, what are the requirements to be president?

1. at least 35 years old

2. a U.S. citizen and born in the U.S.