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The Road to the White House

This chart shows the steps candidates take to become their party's choice for president of the United States. Use it to answer the questions.

Date

Candidates **announce** their plans to run for president. This usually takes place in the spring or summer before an election year.

Candidates begin **campaigning.** They spread the word about their plans for the country. They travel all over giving speeches and learning what voters care about.

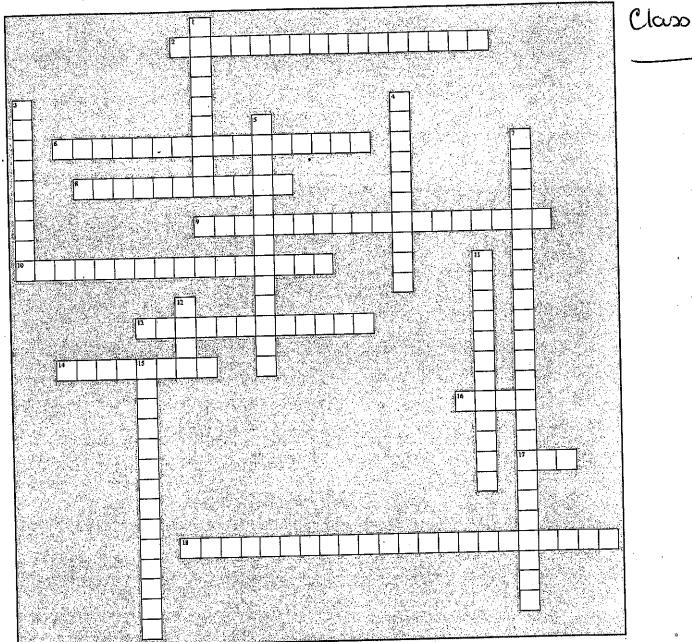
Candidates take part in **debates.** They give their views on issues that are important to Americans, such as education and the environment.

Candidates take part in **primary elections** and **caucuses**.

The Democratic and Republican parties hold their **conventions** in the summer before the November election. Each party chooses one candidate to run for president.

On the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, one candidate is elected to the presidency. The **2016 presidential election** will take place on November 8.

- 1. In which month are presidential elections held in the U.S.? _______
- 2. When do presidential candidates announce they are running? Why do you think they make the announcement so far before Election Day?
- **3.** How do voters get to know the candidates? Circle information in the chart.
- 4. Candidates must be good speakers. Should they also be good listeners? Why or why not?



Across

- 2. The President is also known as this
- 6. First President of the United States
- 8. Number of amendments to the Constitution
- 9. Title of the National Anthem of the United States
- 10. The White House is also called this
- 13. City in which the Constitutional Convention was held
- 14. What the 13 red and white stripes on the flag represent
- 16. The President can issue this to reject a bill passed by the Congress
- 17. Number of senators allowed to represent each state in Congress
- 18. One of the two houses of the United States Congress

Down.

- 1. Time period that passes between presidential elections
- 3., Bird found on the Great Seal of the United States
- 4. Constitutional amendment that outlawed slavery
- 5. Person casting the deciding vote in the event of a tied vote in the Senate
- 7. Document that includes the ten amendments known as the Bill of Rights
- 11. Colors found on the flag of the United States
- 12. Length of term for Supreme Court justices
- 15. Year the Constitution was changed to give women the right to vote