



Electoral Process Internet Research

The U.S. Constitution creates a system in which citizens elect representatives to public office. The electoral process is an important American tradition. But it can also be confusing to some citizens.

Use the links below to research how government officials are elected in the United States. Take notes about what you learn about voting and the democratic tradition. Then answer the questions. Remember to use standard grammar, punctuation, spelling, and sentence structure.

Research Links

Election Process:

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/9-12/election/index.html>

Find out what it takes to become an elected official as you explore this Web site Government Printing Office.

Elections the American Way:

<http://www.loc.gov/search?new=true&q=ELECTIONS+THE+AMERICAN+WAY>

The Library of Congress offers this Web site with great information on elections, including details about the process.

The Electoral Process Research Questions

Answer the questions with information related to the topics and the role you play in keeping the democratic tradition alive.

1. List **five** historical events that extended the right to vote.
2. List **three** ways in which voters have been excluded in the past.
3. List **ten** things we can do to keep our democratic system vibrant.