Unit 4 Study Guide

1. Which US political parties rarely win elections?
2. What is the difference between a plank and a platform?
3. What type of political party system does the US have? What about Israel? China?
4. Who can vote in a closed primary? An open primary?
5. What were the first two major political parties? (look at your timeline)
6. what are delegates responsible for at a national convention?
7. Give an example of a political machine. (use your book!)
8. How can independent candidates get their name on the ballot?
9. Why would people choose not to vote? (bell ringer)
10. How can citizens propose new laws or make changes to existing laws?
11. What technique is used to promote a candidates viewpoint?
12. If no one wins a majority of votes for presidency, who elects the president? (use your book!)
13. Why would elected officials leak information to the press?
14. How does the media play the watchdog roll in government?
15. Describe the just plain folks technique.
16. Give an example of name calling in a presidential campaign.
17. Are interest groups biased?
18. What is a glittering generality?
19. Which political party rose power in the 1830’s to challenge the Democratic Party? (timeline)
20. When would you have a runoff PRIMARY?
21. What is the difference between a majority and a plurality?
22. At which event to political parties formally announce their candidates?
23. What is the difference between a primary and a general election?
24. List the steps of the naturalization process

Know the vocab below:

* Precinct
* Polling place
* Split ticket
* Absentee ballot
* Exit poll
* Recall election
* Selective service