



A Vote for Latin

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Many of our English words relating to elections are derived from the Latin language. Use the clues to figure out each English word. Then unscramble the circled letters to reveal a secret word that means "the right to vote." This word is also derived from Latin!

1. From *ēligere*, the Latin word for "to choose," this word refers to the process of voting to select individuals to serve in public office.

2. The Romans had a custom of interpreting the flight patterns of birds as good or bad omens before conducting official business. From *augurāre*, "to augur," comes this word for formally admitting someone to a public office.

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3. The *toga candida*, a brilliant white garment, gives us this word for a person running for office.

4. This word for directing the actions of a state or country comes from the Latin word for steering a ship, *gubernāre*.

5. From *vōtum*, the Latin word for "vow, wish, or a solemn pledge," this word refers to the formal recording of a person's wish for a certain candidate.

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6. The word for this elected official is ultimately derived from the Latin words *prae* ("in front of") and *sedēre* ("to sit").

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7. This word for a great desire to become successful has its roots in the Latin word *ambīre*, "to walk around" (asking for votes).

8. This word for a set of events that are planned in order to achieve a certain result can refer to politics, war, or advertising. It has its root in the Latin word *campus*, an "open field" into which armies went for battles.

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9. From the Latin for "name," *nōmen*, this word refers to someone whom a political party "names" as its chosen candidate.

10. This English word for "greater than half" comes from the Latin word, *maior*, meaning "greater."

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11. This word describes the kind of government in which power is held by elected officials who represent the citizens. It comes from the Latin term *rēs pūblica*, which meant "the public state of affairs."

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Secret Word: _____ F F _____



Answer Key:

election
inaugurate
candidate
govern
vote
president
ambition
campaign
nominee
majority
republic

Secret Word: suffrage