

bipartisan

support that is given by both political parties

ballot

the way voters show their vote preferences

campaign

the process of gathering public support for a candidate

candidate

the person running for elected office

citizen

a person who is a legal member of a
nation

constituent

the voters in a district

democracy

a form of government in which people
hold power, by voting directly or voting
for representatives

electorate

all persons who have the right to vote

Election Day

the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. In 2020, it is November 3rd

Inauguration Day

the day a new president and vice president are sworn into office, January 20th

incumbent

a person who already holds an office and is running for reelection

issues

topics that citizens feel strongly about

nonpartisan

free from party affiliation

policy

position the government or candidate
takes on issues

popular vote

a count of all the votes cast in the
presidential election

republic

a form of government in which power is
held by the people who elect
representatives