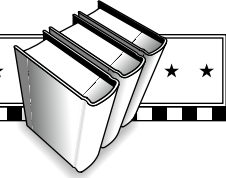


# Guided Reading Activity 16-3



## Nominating Candidates

**★DIRECTIONS** Use the information in your textbook to organize these statements in categories. Write the letter of each statement under the heading to which it refers.

HOW CANDIDATES ARE SELECTED FOR POLITICAL OFFICE			
Caucuses	Nominating Conventions	Primary Elections	Petitions

- A.** In most states a candidate does not need a majority of votes to win, only a plurality.
- B.** State meetings of the political parties select their candidates for statewide office and choose delegates for the national meeting of their parties.
- C.** This system became undemocratic when party bosses chose delegates.
- D.** Under this system a person announces his or her candidacy and proves that a certain number of voters want him or her on the ballot.
- E.** Voters select candidates to run in the general election.
- F.** In this system nearly all candidates are chosen in private meetings of party leaders.
- G.** Sometimes voters participate in selecting party candidates even if they do not belong to the party.
- H.** This system uses an official meeting of a party to choose candidates for office.
- I.** In this kind of election, only members of a political party can vote.
- J.** This system was criticized as undemocratic, since most people did not participate in selecting the candidates.
- K.** Sometimes a runoff election is needed between the two candidates who received the most votes in the previous election.
- L.** Each state sets the date for its election, provides the ballots and the people to supervise, and counts the votes.
- M.** Today party rules require a selection process for delegates that is open and starts at the neighborhood level and then moves to the county, district, and state levels.
- N.** In the major political parties, most candidates for the House, Senate, governor, and other state and local offices are selected in this way.
- O.** In this system local party organizations send representatives to a county party meeting that selects candidates for county offices and chooses delegates for a state meeting of the party.

**★DIRECTIONS** Use the information in your textbook to complete this diagram. Briefly explain each item in its respective box.

WHAT HAPPENS IN PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES			
Generalizations			
Three Criticisms and One Alternative Primary Idea			

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