

Guided Reading Activity

Obama and Beyond 2008–Present

Lesson 4 *The 2016 Election*

Review Questions: Outlining

Directions: Read the lesson and complete the outline below. Refer to your textbook to fill in the blanks.

I. The 2016 Presidential Election

- A.** During the 2016 Democratic presidential primary, Obama’s Secretary of State, _____, found herself locked in a difficult fight for the nomination.
- B.** Vermont Senator _____, who identified as an independent, competed in the Democratic primary.
- C.** Sanders’s campaign energized younger voters with his focus on protesting _____ and the lack of opportunities that made life challenging for many Americans.
- D.** The Democratic Party sought to _____ the minimum wage, encourage social and economic _____ for all, create a more balanced tax system, and maintain strong national security.
- E.** Donald Trump spoke bluntly _____ Mexican and Muslim immigrants when he announced his candidacy.
- F.** Trump’s personal attacks damaged chances for the early Republican frontrunner, _____.
- G.** By May 24, Trump had won enough _____ needed to claim the nomination.

II. A Bitter Campaign with a Dramatic Result

- A.** Clinton had many years of public _____, while Trump had no government or military _____.
- B.** The campaign focused less on traditional _____ and more on personal attacks.
- C.** Trump’s campaign highlighted Clinton’s purported _____ scandal, and his supporters loved to chant “_____!”
- D.** Throughout the campaign, Clinton _____ in the polls, but the race remained close.

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- E. When the Electoral College officially voted, Donald Trump was the _____ as expected.

- F. Studies show that it is hard for the same political party to win three _____ terms in the White House.

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the question below.

What domestic issues did President Obama affect during his first term as president of the United States?
