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Election Process
Case Study

Study 1: Elections reinforce the stability of the political community. The last election in The Bahamas was held in 2017 on May 10. There are 39 seats in the House of Assembly, which represents the 39 constituencies in the 17 inhabited islands in The Bahamas. These seats are given to the Members of Parliament by way of being elected by their constituents (eligible voters in the constituency). In The Bahamas senate, there are 16 seats to which all are appointed by the Governor General. Nine (9) of the seats are selected by the Prime Minister of The Bahamas, four are selected by the leader of the opposition and 3 are selected with collaboration from the Prime Minister and Leader of The Opposition.

1. How often are elections held in The Bahamas? (1pt)

2. Election shows an act of democracy. Do you agree or disagree? Explain. (2pts)

3. Why is the Senate considered the upper house and the House of Assembly, the lower house/ chamber? (2pts)

4. Do you think Elections are important in The Bahamas? Explain your answer. (4pts)

Study 2: The first political party was formed in 1953, known as the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP). Voting before 1953 was conducted by electing individuals, primarily "The Bay Street Boys. Some of The Bay Street Boys would have paid half a pound to Bahamians who were eligible to vote and would have been given the other half once they would have been elected. Before 1962, women were not allowed to vote and black men were only allowed to vote if they had property.

1. The second Political Party in The Bahamas was established when? (1pt)

2. Which political party in The Bahamas was most effective during the 20th century? Explain why. (2pts)

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3. Search any political party you are interested in, look at its aims, purpose and agendas. Do you think that political party will be effective in governing the country? Explain your answer. (3pts)

4. Create your own political party. Include the name, goal and plans to better your country. Be as creative as possible. (4pts)

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