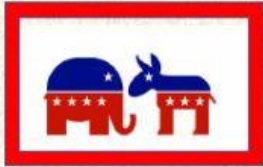
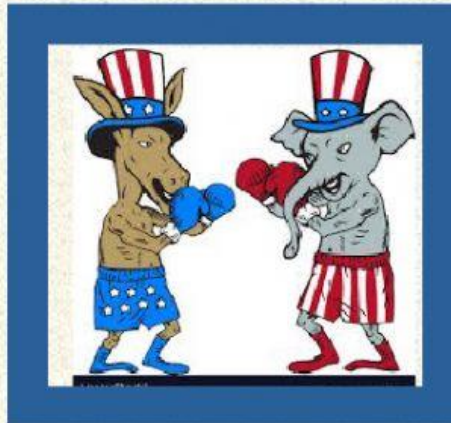


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American elections

1/ There are two main Parties in the United States of America : the **Elephant** vs. the **Donkey**.
Watch the video to understand why they use these animals as their symbols !



2/ Join the sentences :

It all began

At first the donkey (« jackass ») and the elephant

But the democratic candidate A. Jackson,

He thought a donkey was

So he

The elephant came

The Republicans

These animals were first drawn

liked it

a clever, determined animal

by cartoonist Thomas Nast.

were political insults

adopted it as a political symbol too

in the 1800's

in 1874

used it as his campaign symbol

3/ The American Presidential Elections : how does it work ? Watch the video !



3/ Choose the right answer and show you understand !

To become President of the USA, you must

- a) be over 35 b) over 1.35m c) over 85

you must

- a) get married b) die c) be born in the U.S.A

the President is chosen

- a) every 2 years b) every 14 years c) every 4 years

He is elected

- a) by U.S. Citizens b) by the former Presidents c) by the Presidential electors

it is called

- a) indirect voting b) direct voting c) correspondance voting

4/ The American elections take a long time : a whole year ! When do these events take place ? Join to re-order them !

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| 1 In January, | the Presidential Electors choose their favourite presidential candidate. |
| 2 In July, | the new President takes office (« Inauguration Day ») |
| 3 Early November, | Congress declares the winner (official proclamation) |
| 4 Later in November, | the Republicans and the Democrats vote for volunteer candidates. It's called « the Primaries ». |
| 5 On January . 6th, | the citizens vote for their Presidential Electors . |
| 6 On the 20th or 21st of Jan. , | two candidates from the two main parties are chosen. |