Chapter 7
Assessment

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Practicing the Vocabulary

Matching  Choose a term from the list above that best matches each description.

1. A group of like-minded people who meet to choose candidates for office
2. The political arm of a special-interest group
3. An election held within a political party at which the voters choose candidates who will appear on the ballot in an upcoming general election
4. The place where voters go to cast their ballots
5. The device by which voters register their choices in an election

Fill in the Blank  Choose a term from the list above that best completes the sentence.

6. In a ________, voters must choose between the two top finishers in an earlier primary election.
7. Because of the ________, candidates can benefit from the popularity of another candidate on the ballot from their party.
8. ________ is given to State and local party organizations for “party-building activities.”
9. One commonly heard criticism of the ________ is that it encourages “raiding.”
10. Each ________ has one polling place.