**Chapter 13-The Presidency**

**Vocabulary Terms**

* **Balanced Ticket**-The term for when a presidential candidate chooses a running mate (vice presidential candidate) designed to appeal to the major racial, national, and religious groups of the electorate.
* **Chief of State**-The term for the President’s ceremonial role as the head of the United States Government
* **Commander in Chief**- The role of the President which places them in charge of the U.S. military arsenal and the 1.4 million men and women who serve in the armed forces.
* **Electoral College**- The term for when 538 electors cast their vote for the President and Vice President, reflecting the results of the popular vote in the general election.
* **National Convention**- The two major parties hold quadrennial meetings in which delegates select their presidential and vice presidential candidates.
* **Party Platform**- A party’s formal statement of its basic principles and stands on major police issues.
* **Presidential Primary**- The series of elections and caucuses held in each state prior to the general election.
* **Presidential Succession Act of 1947**- This act establishes that if the President and Vice-president dies the Speaker of the House and the President pro tempore of the Senate would be next in line to become President.
* **Proportional Representation**-A term that characterizes electoral systems by which those serving in government are proportionately representative to those in their constituency.
* **Winner-take-all Contests**- A type of election in which the political candidate who receives the largest number of votes wins the election.