FREE WRITE PROMPTS:

1. Take out a piece of paper from your notebook. 2) Look over the following prompts and choose six of them to write about. Write the prompts at the top of your paper. 3) You are to answer the prompts you chose with the remainder of our time together. This is designed to get you thinking about the election, its purpose, and things related to it in preparation for your vote Tuesday in class. 4) Each response of yours should be at least a paragraph, if not longer. If you make it through less than six of the prompts, it’s fine as long as you’re writing for the remainder of our time together. If you answer all six, choose another to continue. You will turn in this free write at the end of class.

Why do we hold elections?

What are checks and balances, and why are they important to our legal system?

Should the United States have more than two political parties? Why?

Would you ever run for office? Why/not?

What political issues are most important to you?

If you could vote, who would you vote for this Election Day? Why?

Why is it important for people to vote?

Should people have to take tests before being allowed to vote? Why/not?

Do your parents vote regularly? How does their vote influence you?

How much control should the government have? Why?

Who should be elected to the presidency in the next election? Why?

Do you like our system of government? Why?

Create an idea for an online voting system that all Americans could access.

Why do people complain about politicians?

Do political ads influence your opinions? How?

What would America be like without the voting system?

What do our elected officials need to hear from the people?

Who is your favorite politician? Why?

How often should we hold elections? Why?

How do you feel about living in America?

What is an elected official’s duty?

Is it important for people with different ideas to have power simultaneously? Why?

Do you think the minimum age requirements to hold office are fair?

What benefits do people get from government?

Why does our country use a voting system?

What do you think of our government?

Are some elections more important than others? Why?

Should politicians vote based on their own opinions or those of the people they represent?

How do you feel about today’s leaders?

What are three laws that you would promote if you were the president?

What should the minimum age requirement be for people to vote? Why?

Will you vote some day? Why/not?

What direction is America moving in?

What is the hardest thing about a politician’s job? Why?

Why do politicians advertise so much?

What does Election Day represent?

What would you like to ask the President? Why?

What does the word “politics” mean to you?

Do you believe that holding elections and voting is an effective system for the US?

Why do people work on political campaigns?

How do you feel about the state of our country?

How can we promote unity in America?

If you were in government, what issues would you work on?

Is voting a right or privilege?