

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

1. What do the results of the New Hampshire primary tell you about the 2008 race for the White House thus far? Look at things like voter turnout, voter demographics, and exit polling - why voters said they voted for a particular candidate. Do you notice any trends or emerging themes? You can find information at <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/vote2008>

2. What do states like Iowa, New Hampshire, Michigan, South Carolina, Wyoming and Florida-the next contests-have in common? How are they different?

3. Make a chart of the upcoming primaries (you can use this map:

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/vote2008/primaries/states/>

Write down who you think will win the state and why. This can be turned into a game with prizes!

4. Several candidates who did not do well in Iowa and New Hampshire dropped out of the presidential race while others with poor showings stayed in the race. Why? What motivates particular candidates to stay in the race? Why do you think this is so?

Extension Activity

Have students write a 300-500 word essay on this topic providing clear examples. Send your completed editorial to NewsHour Extra (extra@newshour.org). Exceptional essays might be published on our Web site.