



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (more research might be needed)

**1. Look at the arguments presented by both the Obama and Clinton campaigns. Which candidate is better poised to become the Democratic presidential nominee? Why do you think this?**

**2. Research the role of super delegates in the current Democratic presidential nominee race ([http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/us/jan-june08/superdel\\_4-02.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/us/jan-june08/superdel_4-02.html)). What do you think, how should each super delegate decide their vote? Should their votes reflect the will of the voters in their district? Their state? Or should their votes reflect their own judgments? Explain your reasoning.**

**3. In Pennsylvania each candidate seemed to appeal to certain groups of voters. Why do you think these groups find a particular candidate appealing? Did any of these results surprise you? How did the results in Pennsylvania mimic or differ from what happened in other regions or states? What do you think this will say about each candidate's chance of beating the Republican presidential nominee, Senator John McCain?**

**Extension Activity**

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