

New Hampshire likes to be the first to pick candidates



New Hampshire ranks 44th in size when compared with the other states. Candidates can easily travel from one end of the state to the other in a day and meet hundreds of people.



The New Hampshire state emblem.



The purple finch is the state bird.



Candidates start campaigning early in New Hampshire. In April of last spring, 11 months before the February primary, a group of Republicans met for a fund-raising dinner. They were Harold Stassen (former governor of

Minnesota who has run for president several times), John Connally, Orrin Hatch (U.S. senator from Utah, who represented Ronald Reagan), Phil Crane, George Bush, John Anderson and Bob Dole.

The Republicans and Democrats will pick their candidates in national conventions to be held next summer.

There are many more primaries coming up. Some people think that how New Hampshire votes influences other primary elections.

Each state will send delegates to these conventions.

Other people think that New Hampshire is a good test of how strong a candidate might be.

Many states decide how their delegates are going to vote at these conventions by holding primaries.

The voters of New Hampshire are not more interested in politics than voters in the rest of the country.

A primary is an election in which people vote for a candidate or vote for a person to represent a candidate.

They just like to be first!

For many years, the first state to hold a presidential primary has been New Hampshire.

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New Hampshire will hold its primary in February of 1980.

In fact, the state has a law that says the primary date will even be moved forward if another state tries to hold its primary first.

You will see a lot in the news about how well the candidates do.

ELECTION TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of a presidential election are hidden in the block below. See if you can find: primary, candidates, vote, president, government, America, polls, nominee, Republican, Democrat, booth, speeches, winner, states, New Hampshire, campaign, ticket, vice president and convention.

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The letters AR, when side by side, make a special sound. It is the same sound that you hear in the word "car." Can you read these AR words?

