

**Where is the Pennsylvania  
State Capitol located?**

Harrisburg, PA



**Who founded Pennsylvania  
and when?**

William Penn  
January 5, 1681



**What two bodies make up the Pennsylvania General Assembly?**

The Senate and The House of Representatives



**What are the 3 branches of government in Pennsylvania?**

Executive, Legislative, and Judicial



**How old must you be to vote in the state of Pennsylvania?**

18 years old



**How many days do you need to register before voting day in Pennsylvania?**

30 days prior to the election



**When do general elections  
take place?**

The first Tuesday of November



**Amendment**

An amendment adds a new law or changes a current law to the Constitution. It requires a two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress and must be ratified by approval of three-fourths of the states.



## **Bill of Rights**

First Ten Amendments to the US  
Constitution



## **Civil Rights**

Protections and privileges given to all  
United States citizens by the US  
Constitution and Bill of Rights



## Democracy

Form of government in which political control is exercised by the people, directly or through elected representatives



## Diplomacy

The art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations



## Direct Democracy

Form of government in which the people completely exercise political decisions



## Electoral College

Group of presidential electors that casts the official votes of each state for President after the presidential election



## Equality

The condition of possessing substantially the same rights, privileges, and immunities, and being held responsible for the same duties as other members of society



## Mass Media

Internet, television, radio, newspapers, magazines, and other means of popular communication



## Political Party

Any group, however loosely organized, that seeks to elect government officials under a given label



## Republic

Form of government in which political control is exercised through elected representatives



## Primary Election

Voters select a candidate to represent their political party



## General Election

Voters may choose a candidate from any political party to serve as their official



## **Governor**

Head of executive branch for a state.  
Elected every 4 years



## **Lieutenant Governor**

First in line of succession under  
governor



## Attorney General

Chief legal advisor and chief law enforcement officer for the state government



## Auditor General

Ensures that all money is spent legally and properly



## Treasurer

Serves as state's banker and manages the state's money



## Candidate

Someone who runs for elective office



## State Budget

A plan for how a state will collect and spend money



## Bill

A proposal for a new law



## **Speaker of the House**

Presides over sessions of the  
Pennsylvania House



## **Constituent**

Person who is politically represented  
by a government official



## Veto

When the president or governor  
refuses to approve a bill or joint  
resolution



## Appeal

Request for a higher court to review a  
lower court's decision



## Jury

A group of citizens that make a decision about a court case



## Verdict

A decision made about a court case



## Checks and Balances

Prevents any one branch of government from becoming too powerful



## Witness

Person who testifies and gives evidence for a court case

