

DO YOU QUALIFY? DISCUSSION

The following questions will help guide a discussion after watching Episode 3 of *On the Campaign Trail*.

- 1. Do you agree with the 35-year age requirement set forth in the United States Constitution? Given that the life expectancy is longer now than when the Constitution was written, should the age be raised? Lowered? Why or why not?
- 2. Is the 14-year residency requirement significant? Why do you think it is important for the President to live in the country for a specified amount of time?
- 3. Do you think unwritten qualifications such as military service and government experience are necessary for presidential candidates? Do you think someone without these qualifications can successfully run our country? Why or why not?
- 4. Are Donald Trump, Ben Carson, and Carly Fiorina at a disadvantage because they do not have government experience? Why or why not?
- 5. Think of someone in your life who meets the 3 constitutional qualifications for running for president. Does this person meet any of the unwritten qualifications? Do you think he or she would be a successful presidential candidate? Why or why not?

