



CONVENTIONS AND CANDIDATES!

DISCUSSION

Directions: The following questions will help guide a discussion after watching Episode 8 of *On the Campaign Trail*.

- 1. What are national conventions and how have they changed over time?**
- 2. If you could create your own political party, what principles would you include in your party's platform? What issues would be most important to your party and why?**
- 3. What topics do you hope to hear about during the first presidential debate on September 26? Could a nominee's stance on a particular topic convince you to vote for him or her? Explain.**
- 4. Prior to watching this video, did you know about the Libertarian and Green Party candidates? Why do you think they have not received as much publicity as the Republican and Democratic nominees?**