

Analysis of Caucus Results 1972-2012. Complete the following questions; many answers are not given in the results but apply your knowledge from the caucus unit. Students may require additional resources such as an internet connection.

1. State why the results begin in 1972.

2. Why aren't the Republican results given for 1972?

3. Select a particular year to analyze Democrat results. State the % results and why you think the % are so wide or so close. Do the same for Republican results. This may require further research about key topics in the election season.

4. Compare whom Iowa selected vs. who became the eventual party candidate for any 2 years. Was the Iowa candidate and the national candidate the same? Different? Why/why not? Again, this may require further research.

5. In the 2008, caucus results, what short-term effect did Iowa have on the Democratic nominee? What are the long-term effects?

6. State one item you learned from viewing the results that surprises you.

7. In conclusion, how influential are the Iowa caucuses on the presidential nomination process? In the day 1 lesson concerning the history of Iowa caucuses, do you see evidence that the Iowa caucuses boost a little-known candidate and/or force others out of the race?
