

## Post '08 RNC Quiz

1) 2008 was the second time the Republicans held their convention in Minnesota. When was the last time and who was their presidential nominee?

- a) 1884 – Benjamin Harrison
- b) 1892 – Benjamin Harrison
- c) 1896 – William McKinley
- d) 1900 – William McKinley

2) This year was the first time a major political party postponed part of its convention because of a pending natural disaster in another part of the country. What was that natural disaster that forced the 2008 RNC to scale back the first day of its proceedings?

- a) Hurricane Rita
- b) Hurricane Katrina
- c) Hurricane Ike
- d) Hurricane Gustav

3) Another historical first for the Republicans occurring at their 2008 convention was:

- a) a woman was nominated on the Republican ticket for Vice-President
- b) the first sitting governor since 1968 was nominated for Vice-President
- c) a state office holder from Alaska was nominated on the ticket
- d) all of the above

4) When was the last time a woman was nominated on a national ticket from one of the two major political parties in the U.S.?

- a) 1980
- b) 1984
- c) 1988
- d) 1992

5) The Republicans first became a national political party in 1856. Which two parties made up the two-party system in the U.S. at that time?

- a) Democrats and Free Soilers
- b) Democrats and Copperheads
- c) Democrats and Whigs
- d) Democrats and Know-Nothings

6) During the roll call vote Wednesday night at the 2008 RNC, why did the state of Arizona “pass” during the initial round of voting?

- a) there was no state party chairman present
- b) Arizona wanted to put its favorite son, John McCain, over the top in the number of delegates required for nomination
- c) the state delegation was split in its decision over who to nominate
- d) the state party chairman was opposed to the national party’s decision whereby the Arizona delegation would only be allowed to have half of its votes counted in the roll call

7) Which of the following persons was *not* considered to be part of the VP selection process for the Republican presidential nominee?

- a) Mitt Romney
- b) Joe Lieberman
- c) Tim Pawlenty
- d) Linda Lingle
- e) Sarah Palin

8) The 2008 Republican Presidential Nominee, John McCain, survived over five and a half years as a POW (prisoner-of-war) in which Asian country?

- a) Cambodia
- b) Laos
- c) Vietnam
- d) North Korea

9) Which American cartoonist was responsible for providing the Republicans the elephant as its political symbol?

- a) Thomas Nast
- b) Megan Kelso
- c) Charles Schultz
- d) Robert Kraus

10) What does the “GOP” stand for as its nickname for the Republican Party?

- a) Great Old Pal
- b) Grand Old Party
- c) Grandly Ordained Plebe
- d) God Of Peace

Bonus: Name three historic firsts that will result no matter which presidential ticket wins the election on November 4.