

Civic Minds

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Article Title: Cruz thumps Trump; Clinton, Sanders a tossup

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Vocabulary:

Look up the definition of **galvanizing**. Please write the definition and create a new sentence, using your own words.

“Texas Sen. Ted Cruz surprised national front-runner Donald Trump in the Iowa caucuses Monday, **galvanizing** evangelical Republicans with his arch-conservative message.”

Comprehension Questions

1. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz surprised national front-runner _____ in the Iowa caucuses Monday, galvanizing evangelical Republicans with his arch-conservative message.
2. Cruz’s victory in the first nominating contest over Trump, the reality star and real-estate mogul who is leading in most national polls, broadens what?
3. Who came in third place?
4. There were signs of robust turnout despite a threat of what?
5. Iowa Republicans have a middling record of what?
6. Cruz’s victory means he’ll collect ____ delegates to the Republican National Convention. Trump and Rubio each get _____. Ben Carson gets _____, followed by Rand Paul and Jeb Bush — _____ each.
7. How are the delegates awarded?
8. In his final pitch, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush railed against Trump at a Des Moines rally, questioning what?
9. What question made Trump “flummoxed” during a debate?
10. To a great extent, the Iowa campaign was a fight between two political upstarts, Trump and Cruz. What makes both of their campaigns so special?
11. His disapproval rating among Republican voters was extraordinarily high. What are some reasons for that?
12. But for many, his trampling of social and political niceties was not seen as reckless but rather signs of his independence and strength. Republican voters came around to Trump, making him the leader in what two polls?
13. Cruz, a freshman senator, has put off many fellow Republicans in Washington with what? He was not even the sole Texan in the race.

14. As rivals fell away, Cruz emerged as the favorite of _____, doing so the time-tested Iowa way by visiting all 99 counties — he hit the final one Monday — and building an organization on the ground to maximize his supporters' turnout.
15. The inevitable collision between Cruz and Trump, who had been nothing but complimentary of one another, came early last month when Trump began raising the issue of what?

Class Discussion Questions and Essay Prompts:

- Do you know what party affiliation your parents are? Do you talk about politics and the presidential candidates at home?
- Are their political views the same as yours? Why or why not?
- Who are they voting for? Why?
- Who would you vote for? Why?

Essay

What is most surprising to you about this campaign so far? Who do you think will be elected the next president? Why?

Newspaper-related CBA activity: U.S. Policy

How the United States government interacts with the world affects people across the globe. Analyze and evaluate the causes and effects of US foreign policy on people in the United States and across the world.

- Using The Seattle Times e-Edition, find an article from this week that deals with world politics or foreign policy.
- What are the main points of view from someone living in that particular country? How is that “view” similar and different than your own opinion, regarding the specific issue the article is discussing?
- Why is it important to study and learn about foreign policy? How does it help you understand the world we live in, using current issues and events?

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