**Materials for the website Chapter 8**

**Practice Questions.  
Check your knowledge about some important individuals, dates, institutions, and events*.***

1. Did people in the Soviet Union participate in elections?
2. What is the function of the Central Electoral Commission (CEC) in Russia?
3. When was the first State Duma elected in post-Soviet Russia?
4. How many deputy seats are there in the State Duma?
5. When did the first Duma elections take place after the dissolution of the Soviet Union?
6. Who were the two main candidates in the 1996 presidential elections in Russia?
7. Why did President Yeltsin resign from the presidency?
8. Who was Vladimir Putin at the time of Yeltsin’s resignation?
9. How many presidential elections has Putin won since 2000?
10. Who won the presidential election in 2008? Did this person run for the presidency again in 2012?
11. What is the average voter turnout in Russian federal elections?
12. What is the main source of funding for federal elections in Russia?
13. The presidential elections of 1996, 2000, 2008, 2012, 2018, and 2024 demonstrated the significance of the incumbency factor in Russian politics. What is the incumbency factor, and how does it affect election outcomes in Russia?

**Voting System of the Russian Federation (in English):**

<http://duma.gov.ru/en/news/28612/>

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**How Russia rigs elections (10 min.)**

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbId-\_gHe8w&t=43s**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbId-_gHe8w&t=43s)