

Election Connection

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Description: The goal of the class is to explore all the intricacies of the United States electoral process. Students will learn about what goes into electing a President as well as Legislators, and why voting is so important. In addition, we will look at how local, state and federal governments are similar and different from one another.

Expectations: Active engagement and willingness to learn and discuss. Although we will be talking about political matters, it is expected that everyone is respectful of the opinions of others. There will be notetaking, so please have a pen/pencil and notebook handy.

Session 1

- Week #1: Media Literacy and Voting History
- Week #2: The Constitution and its Amendments
- Week #3: Two Party System: Democrats and Republicans
- Week #4: Legislative Branch: Representatives and Senators
- Week #5: Gerrymandering and Committees
- Week #6: Executive Branch: President and Vice President
- Week #7: Campaigning, Lobbyists, Policies

Session 2

- Week #1: *Judicial Branch: Nominations and Impeachment
- Week #2: Caucuses, Primaries and Rallies
- Week #3: The Electoral College
- Week #4: Voting Options and State Election Laws
- Week #5: Polling: Types and Why it Matters
- Week #6: Voting for Laws: Referendums, Initiatives, Propositions
- Week #7: Mock Elections, pt. 1
- Week #8: Mock Elections, pt. 2