Eighth Grade Social Studies packets 22-31

Can You become President?

Day 22 Students will gather information on Running for office from the information packet that is attached. They will need to copy down the qualifications for being President of the United States of America.

Day 23 Students will select a Political Party to Run with or choose to be independent. The info packet also list several some are defunct. They will add this to the qualification sheet.

Day24 Students will list 4 issues that they would focus on If they were running for the presidency. Example: Climate Change, Industry, National minimum Wage. And jot these down on the same sheet.

Day 25. Students will write a platform see info packet for ideas. 5-7 sentences about why they should be president.. Separate sheet of paper.

Day 26 Students will write a slogan for their campaign something short yet easy to remember. Example( Make America Great again: Trump or Yes We Can: Obama) they will add this to the platform paper.

Day 27 students will create an opponent and write 5 facts about the opponent positives and 5 negatives. So they aren’t running against themselves.

Day 28 Students will answer the questions at the bottom of the info packet.

Day 29 students will select three celebrities to support them, they should explain why they choose each. Put on the sheet from day 23

Day 30 students will write a paragraph stating how many states they will win in the general election and Why.

Day 31 Please write a note to your teacher what was something you liked about our class this year. What is one thing you wish we could have covered.

Info Sheet

**Presidential eligibility**. Article II, Section 1, Clause 5 of the Constitution sets three qualifications for holding the presidency. To serve as president, one must: be a natural-born U.S. citizen of the United States; be at least thirty-five years old; be a resident in the United States for at least fourteen years.

**The Electoral College** consists of 538 electors. A majority of 270 electoral votes is required to elect the President. Your State has the same number of electors as it does Members in its Congressional delegation: one for each Member in the House of Representatives plus two Senators. Read more about the allocation of electoral votes.

**A political party platform** or program is a formal set of principal goals which are supported by a political party or individual candidate, in order to appeal to the general public, for the ultimate purpose of garnering the general public's support and votes about complicated topics or issues.

*Questions for day 28*

1. What makes you a good candidate for the Presidency?
2. Who would you select as your running mate ( Vice President)?
3. Do you think certain states always vote the same way? Why?
4. If you could sit down with any current or former President and interview them who would it be?

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