

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: Tuesdays at 11:00

- 8/25 Media Literacy
- 9/1 Constitution and Bill of Rights
- 9/8 Civic Responsibilities and Rights
- 9/15 Two Party System: Democrats and Republicans
- 9/22 Executive Branch: The President and Electoral College
- 9/29 Campaigning, advertising and primaries
- 10/6 Presidential Debates

Session 2: TBD

- 10/20 Legislative Branch: Representatives and Senators
- 10/27 Gerrymandering and Committees
- 11/3 Election Day activity and proposition presentations
- 11/10 Filling the Cabinet and White House staff
- 11/17 20th Amendment and First 100 Days
- *** Thanksgiving Break
- 12/1 Judicial Branch: Nominations
- 12/8 State Government
- 12/15 Local Government