



Election Resources

Be President for a Day!

Have you ever dreamed of being the U.S. President? Now you can give it a try! Apply for the job and then go through a sample day as the nation's President. Make your own decisions about how you spend the day and who you interact with, then read a news article about your first day as our President!

[President for a Day!](#)

The Democracy Project

Do you wonder how our country is run? Learn about the government, voting, and what you could do if you were President for the day on this site!

[Democracy Project](#)

Campaign Reporters

Do you have what it takes to be a campaign reporter or work in the media? A student reporter had the opportunity to interview Meredith Viera about her role as a campaign journalist and talk show host.

[Campaign Reporters](#)

Election 2008 Scholastic Headquarters

This is the site for everything Election 2008! There is a countdown and a map with stars to follow the campaign trail where students report from various primary locations. You can access research sites and explanations of our government and political issues as well as games and activities. By the time Election Day rolls around you'll know exactly who to vote for!

[Election 2008 Scholastic Headquarters](#)

Election Selection

How much do you know about the candidates for Presidency in 2008? Take this quiz to test your knowledge and see how you do! Click below to give it a try.

[Election Selection](#)

Elections

How much do you know about U.S. Presidential elections? How does it all begin? This website will help you learn more about the election process from Election Day all the way to the Presidential Inauguration. When you're finished exploring the website, take the online quiz to see how much you learned!

[Congress for Kids](#)



Elections 101

Do you wonder how our President gets elected? Do you know why it is so important to vote? Zoom has the answers on this site all about political parties, the way our government works, and why you should vote when you're old enough. Click below to check it out!

[Elections 101](#)

Interviewing Candidates

How do reporters get candidates to answer their questions? A student reporter has the opportunity to spend time with Matt Lauer and learns how to go about conducting an interview with a Presidential candidate. Read this article - who knows, maybe some day you'll be doing the reporting!

[Interviewing Candidates](#)

Know Your Candidates!

As a US citizen you have the responsibility and opportunity to choose who you think is best fit to be our President. If you don't know what each candidate feels is important, how can you know who is best for the job? Whether or not you are old enough to vote, this is a great website with non-biased profiles about each of the major candidates for President as well as other government positions.

[Know Your Candidates!](#)

Mock Election 2008

Cast your vote now for the 2008 Presidential election! Choose your political party, then the candidate you feel would make the best president. Check back later to see what others think and who is winning!

[Mock Primaries](#)

Political Parties

They have parties in the White House?! Well, yes, but not your typical birthday party with cupcakes and presents. Check out this article and learn all about how political parties started in the United States why they are important.

[Political Parties](#)

U.S. Voting Rights

Who has the right to vote in the United States? Did you know in 1790, only white male property owners had the right to vote? Historically, there have been many changes and struggles over the right to vote. Visit the website to find a timeline of voting rights!

[U.S. Voting Rights](#)



Who Elects the President?

In an election, does every vote really count? The Electoral College versus people and individual votes is an interesting concept. What is the Electoral College anyway? Each state has as many electoral votes as it has senators and representatives, and electoral votes actually determine the outcome of the presidential race.

[Who Elects the President?](#)

Step by Step on the Campaign Trail

How does the President go about getting elected? There are actually seven steps involved in campaigning! The campaign is launched with the candidate's announcement to run, and ends when the winning candidate is inaugurated. Visit the FactMonster website below to read more about the steps and how elections really work!

[Step by Step on the Campaign Trail](#)

2008 Presidential Primary Voter's Guide

The 2008 Presidential Primary Voter's Guide allows you to view the candidates and their views on key issues. This is a non-biased website that simply states each candidates' views on important topics such as healthcare, the war in Iraq, the economy, and natural resources. By clicking on the link below, you can compare which candidate has the political campaign that most closely matches your views.

[2008 Presidential Primary Voter's Guide](#) You will need Adobe to view this pdf.

John McCain

Are you interested in becoming more informed about the 2008 United States Presidential election? How about Republican candidate John McCain? Check out this FactMonster website where you can find information about the life and times of John McCain and what he brings to the election!

[John McCain](#)

Barack Obama

Could Barack Obama make history in his run for the presidency in the year 2008? He is running as the candidate of change and potentially the country's first African American president. Visit this site to learn more about this candidate!

[Barack Obama](#)



Elections

Ever wonder how the President got his position? Or why adults go vote on Election Day? This article thoroughly explains how our democratic government works and how we go about choosing the candidate we want for office. It even explains when in history voting began. When you're finished reading it, you'll be ready to vote...or maybe run for office!

[Elections](#)

The Campaign Trail

It's a long, hard climb to the top of election mountain. But Presidential candidates try it every four years. You can hit the trail with two animated campaign pros. Find out all the wacky things that happen during a presidential election.

[The Campaign Trail](#)

Election Day on Tuesdays?

Why is the American Presidential election always held on a Tuesday? Why does the election always take place during November? The answers to these questions deals with farmers and the distance people used to have to travel in order to vote. Visit the FactMonster website below to learn more!

[Election Day on Tuesdays?](#)

Election Center

Would you like to visit a website where you can meet the 2008 Presidential candidates? If so, click the link below! The website features information on everything from the requirements to become President to information about how the Electoral College works. Be sure to check out the games section, too!

[Election Center](#)

Election Ballots

Did you know that election ballots were first used in 1676? Originally, ballots were made from paper. However, today there are many different types of ballots in use - from paper to electronic. Visit the FactMonster website below to learn more!

[Election Ballots](#)

Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids

How does the government work? Here is a really interesting site about the process of government. You can simply read the facts or explore through games and activities. All you have to do is choose a grade range K-12 and get started.

[Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids](#)



Elections...The American Way

What is required to be a candidate for Presidency? How has voting changed over time? If you are interested in American government, political parties, or our system of voting, this is the website for you. Check it out!

[Elections...The American Way](#)

Step Inside the Voting Booth!

How does voting work and how important is one vote? Even though you are not old enough to vote in the official election yet, you can learn all about how our government works and the history of voting. You can even make your own "Future Voter" card!

[Step Inside the Voting Booth](#)

Running For Office: All About Elections

Classroom elections are approaching quickly and you are interested in running for an office. Learn more about different government jobs and how elections work. Choose an office to run for, then use techniques listed on this site to convince your classmates you are the best candidate for the job.

[Next President](#)

U. S. Electoral College

This website has all the answers! Are you looking to find out more about the American election system? Try out the Electoral College Calculator to simulate your own election results. Learn all about the Electoral College and have a better understanding at the next presidential election!

[U. S. Electoral College](#)

Electing a President

Did you ever wonder how a President is elected? Have you ever heard of the Electoral College? What does college have to do with voting? Visit the website below to find answers to these questions, and many more. You'll be an election expert in no time!

[Electing a President](#)

Election Connection 2008

Are you interested in staying up to date with the happenings of the 2008 Presidential Election? If so, this is the website for you! The website offers news updates, sections where you can meet each of the candidates, and much more.

[Election Connection 2008](#)



Joseph Biden

Joe Biden is the Democratic nominee for vice president for the 2008 Presidential Election. Who is Joe Biden and what makes him a good candidate? To learn more about the life and times of this politician, visit the FactMonster website below!

[Joseph Biden](#)

Sarah Palin

Sarah Palin is John McCain's Vice-Presidential candidate for the 2008 Presidential Election. Who is Sarah Palin and what makes her a good candidate? Visit the FactMonster website below to discover more about the life and times of this famous politician!

[Sarah Palin](#)

The President's and Vice President's Jobs

You might have heard that the President is the Commander in Chief, but what does that really mean? What exactly does the Vice President do? Check out this Scholastic page to find answers to these questions!

[The President's and Vice President's Jobs](#)