



Election Day

Newspaper Scavenger Hunt

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Prior to Election Day:

1. Make a chart listing all candidates including their political party affiliation and office they are running for. Notate if the candidate is an incumbent (now in office) or an opponent (seeking office).
2. Make a list of any constitutional amendments that will be voted on. Write a brief description of each amendment, based on information from newspaper articles.
3. Based on the information you've gathered, make a decision of how you would vote on the amendments and candidates. Conduct a mock election in your classroom. Don't look at the results until after the election.

On Election Day:

1. Read Election Day articles and news stories. Note any comments on the election process, candidates, or voting issues in today's paper.
2. Make a list of ads featuring Election Day sales or promotions.
3. Make a list of any comic strips that mention Election Day.
4. Plan a celebration party for the winning candidates using newspaper ads. Include location, who would be invited, what food would be served or catered, etc.

Following Election Day:

1. Read the election results. Compare them with the results of your classroom election. Hold a classroom discussion on the results of both elections.
2. Write letters congratulating the winning candidates and consoling the losing candidates.
3. Read the opinion comments again. How many people are pleased with the voting outcome? How many are upset?
4. Compile a log of future newspaper articles featuring the outcome of this election including activities of the winning candidate and results of the passed amendments.