



LEARNING RESOURCES ELECTIONS & U.S. GOVERNMENT

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2020



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The Electoral College is a group of people that formally elects the president and vice president of the United States. On Election Day, voters in each state and the District of Columbia mark a ballot for president and vice president. This balloting is called the *vote*. The popular vote does not directly decide the winner of the election. Instead, it determines the *delegates* who will represent each state and the District of Columbia in the Electoral College. These delegates officially elect the president and vice president.

The Electoral College has 538 delegates, each of whom casts one electoral vote. To elect a president, a candidate must win a majority, or 270, of the electoral votes. A state has as many electoral votes as the total of its representatives and senators in Congress. The District of Columbia has three electoral votes.

RESEARCH & LEARN

Kids can search relevant terms to learn about a variety of topics in age-appropriate environments. Look up key figures in **Important People (Kids)** or the **Biography Center (Student)**.

ANALYZE & DISCUSS

- Start the discussion with an article from **Behind the Headlines** in *Student*. Build background knowledge with links to relevant concepts.
- Focus on global perspective with **World Newspapers** in *Advanced*.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

GET THE SCOOP

Search

« Meditate to Feel Great Inaugural Poet: Amanda Gorman »

Biden Inaugurated as 46th U.S. President



United States President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris speak in Wilmington, Delaware, on Nov. 7, 2020, after being declared the winners of the presidential election. Both wear masks to help limit the spread of COVID-19. Credit: © Andrew Harnik, AFP/Getty Images

Joe Biden became the 46th president of the United States on January 20. His inauguration looked different than inaugurations past. Because of the ongoing *pandemic* (global outbreak) of the coronavirus disease COVID-19, efforts were made to limit the size of crowds and prevent the spread of *germs*. Gone were the *parades* and balls. Instead, the country marked the transition of power with virtual parades and *televised* performances.

PLAY THE WEEKLY CURRENT EVENTS GAME!

LESSON PLANS

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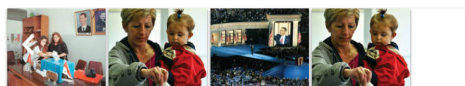
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Encyclopedia Articles in World Book

Election



Election is the process by which people vote for the candidate or proposal of their choice.

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Election campaign

Election campaign is a course of action designed to win the support of certain voters for a certain candidate, party, or issue.

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THINK CRITICALLY

- Organize thoughts with graphic organizers found in *Student*.
- Multiple source types allow students to think critically about the electoral process over time: **Back in Time Articles, historical maps, special reports, and primary sources.**

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Elections and Voting

Ever wanted to be the leader of your country? In many countries, you would need to be elected by your citizens in order to have that power. Elections are held at different times of the year all around the world. Many countries hold elections to choose the officials who represent them in the government. Use this webquest to learn more about the election process and voting.

First, go to www.worldbookonline.com

Then, click on "Student." If prompted, log on with your ID and Password.

**!:**

Use the World Book Advanced search tool to find the answers to the questions below. Since this activity is a webquest, it is recommended you start by searching the key word "election." Sometimes "hints" are provided for other articles.

Answers are on the lines provided or below the question.

_____ election is the process by which people _____ for the _____ of their choice.

_____ at system of governmental holds free, fair, and competitive elections?

_____ at types of organizations hold nongovernmental elections?

WEBQUESTS

Looking for a pre-created activity to kick off the unit? Try the Elections & Voting WebQuest found in *Student*, and *Advanced*.

Project Idea: Get inspired and have students create their own WebQuest on a civics topic to lead a classmate through relevant World Book content.

TIMELINES

Students can add events to existing timelines or start from scratch and create their own. Project idea: Create a timeline following the 2020 election cycle - use a different color to represent each candidate for a comparative study. Or, compare this cycle to past elections.



EBOOKS

Share a digital text. Our World Book original Destination: Pennsylvania Avenue is a special volume that takes an in-depth look at the process behind electing someone to the highest office in the United States government.