



# LEARNING RESOURCES ELECTIONS & U.S. GOVERNMENT

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Congress of Vienna



Congress is any meeting of people who represent organizations, regions, or countries. In the United States, the word *congress* refers to the Congress of the United States, which makes the nation's laws. Each member represents many citizens. People choose who they want to represent them.

An international congress is a meeting of people who represent many nations. Meetings are held to discuss problems or to settle disputes between nations. A famous international congress is the Congress of Vienna (1814-1815), which ended Napoleon's empire in Europe after the Napoleonic Wars.

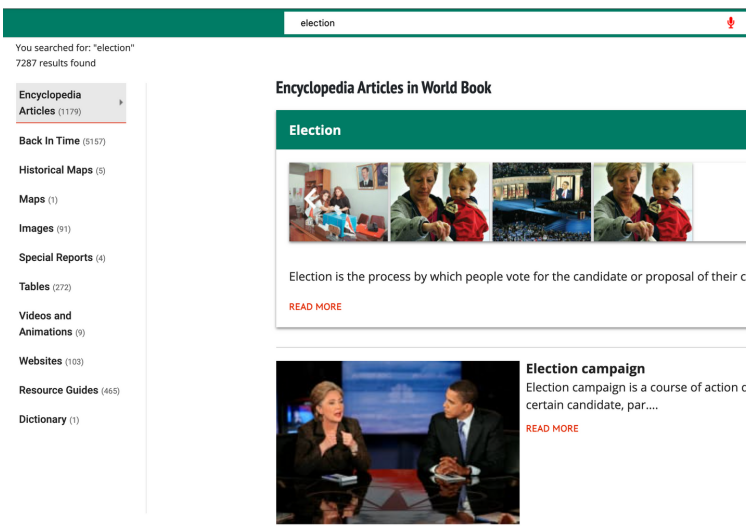
A congress can also be an organization, such as the Congress of Racial Equality, which works for civil rights in the United States. The Congress of Industrial Organizations is an association of labor unions. It joined with the American Federation of Labor to form the AFL-CIO.

## 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*.



## 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 countries, you would need to be elected by your citizens in order to have that power. Elections are different times of the year all around the world. Countries hold elections to choose the officials who represent them in the government. Use this webquest to learn about the election process and voting.

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



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

Answers on the lines provided or below the question.

Election is the process by which people \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of their choice.

What system of government holds free, fair, and competitive elections?

What types of organizations hold nongovernmental elections?

## TIMELINES

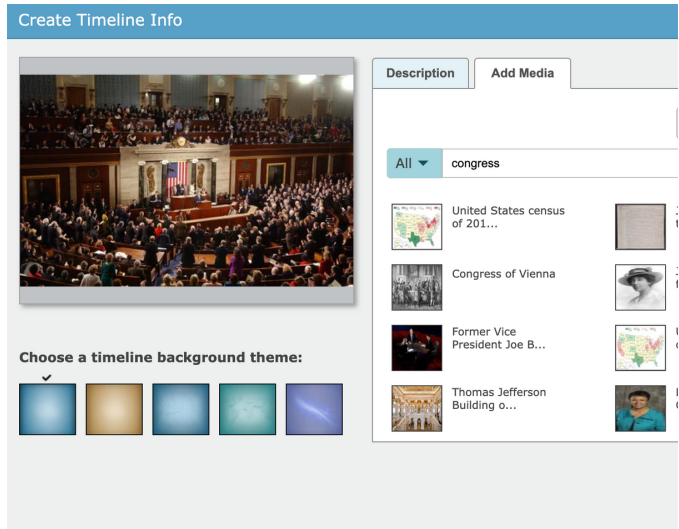
Students can add events to existing timelines or start from scratch and create their own. Project idea: Create a timeline following the 2022 midterm elections - use a different color to represent each party for a comparative study.



## 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.



## 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.