

Title Campaigns- The Democratic Process
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Overview

Students will campaign for the Presidency going through the entire Democratic Process. This lesson is very interactive and fun. Students determine their strategy, financing, throughout the process, then America votes. We elect a President based on their campaigns. We will have completed the chapters on Elections and Voting, and the Executive Branch before attempting the game.

Objectives

To understand the process of electing a President. From the beginning with who is qualified to run, through strategy, financing, party conventions, then the general election and the Electoral College vote.

Necessary Materials

Classroom computer and the Internet.

Assessment

The Game

Website <http://broadband.ciconline.org/elections/elections.htm>

Discussion Questions

- 1) What do you think of the Constitutional qualifications for the Presidency?
- 2) How would you change America's road to the White House?
- 3) Should we do away completely with the Electoral College? Explain yes or no.