

Meet the Candidates Template

OBJECTIVE

- Determine the office students will research
- Students gather information on campaign promises made by each candidate
- Students use information to analyze candidates and make an informed decision on who they will vote for in the upcoming election.



MATERIALS

- *Meet the Candidates* handout

GET READY

- Copy one *Meet the Candidates* handout for each student or pairs of students

INSTRUCTIONS

- Either in pairs or individually, have students research campaign positions and promises made by each candidate using news stories or candidate websites or Facebook pages.
- Ex: "Candidate ___ promises to improve schools"
- When completed, form small groups of students to compare handouts.
- Ask groups to share 2 or 3 promises made by candidates and list these on the board for the class to discuss.

- Ask if language used in describing campaign promises is free of bias favoring one candidate over another.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Which promises are most important to you?
- Would this information help you make a decision on whom to vote for?
- What other information do you need to get before you can make an informed decision?



Meet the Candidates for _____

Candidate Name: _____

Political Party: _____

Campaign Positions:

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