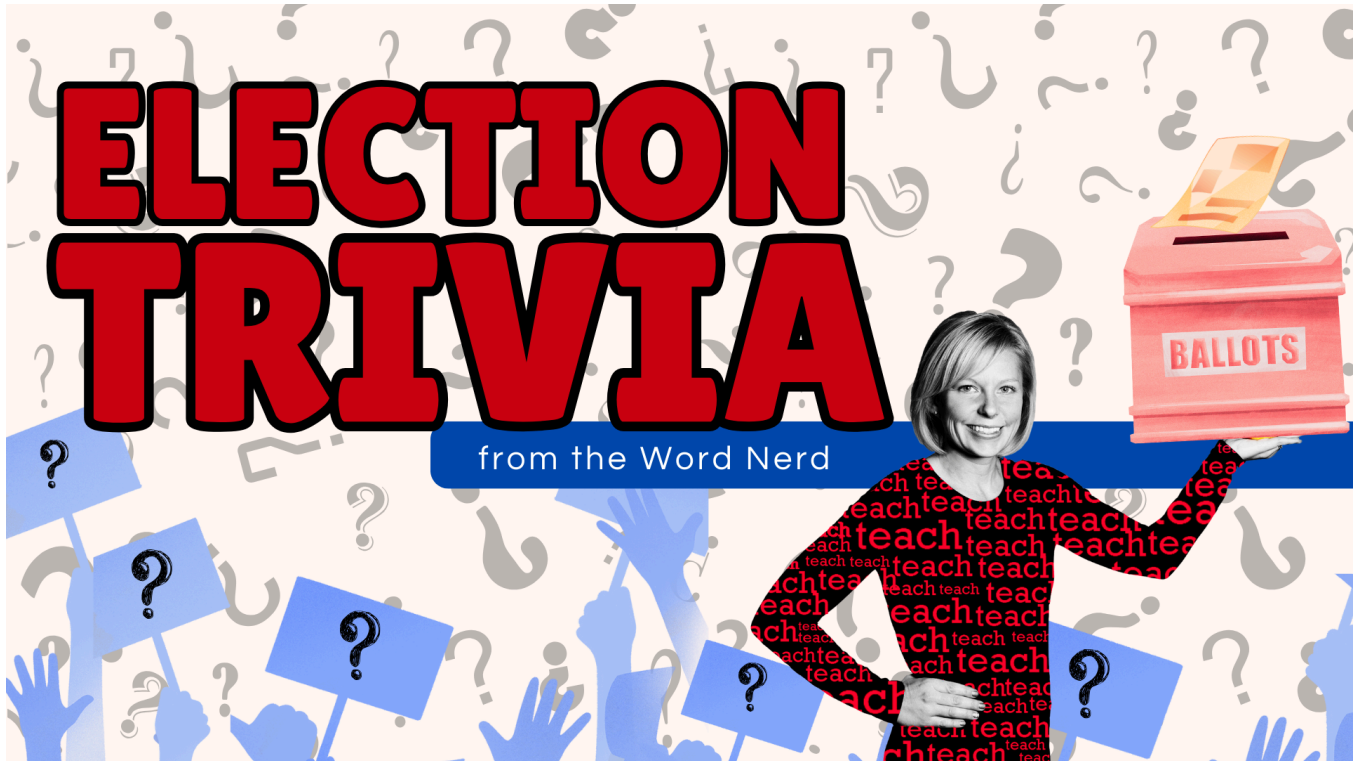


Trivia Game Video Link

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ELECTION DAY TRIVIA



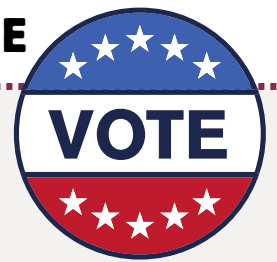
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Use the reading comprehension passage on the next page to give your students some background knowledge on this topic. Implementation ideas are shared in the video!

THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: A SIMPLE GUIDE



Every four years, something important happens in the United States: the presidential election. This is when people choose their leader and help decide what will happen in the country. Let's learn how it all works!

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

In the election, we have something called the Electoral College. This is a part of the U.S. Constitution. Instead of voting directly for a candidate, people vote for special electors who will support that candidate. Each state has a certain number of electoral votes based on how many people live there. There are 538 electoral votes in total. To become president, a candidate must be at least 35 years old and get at least 270 electoral votes. California has the most votes at 54, while seven states have only 3 votes each, including Alaska, Delaware, The District of Columbia, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming. This means a candidate can win even if they don't get the most regular votes!

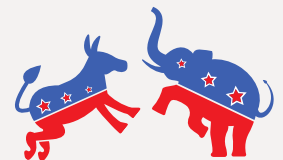


ELECTION DAY

Election Day is always on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. This date was chosen a long time ago, in 1845, so farmers and workers would have time to vote after the harvest. They wanted everyone to be able to vote! On Election Day, millions of Americans go to polling places to cast their votes. In many states, voters need to show some form of ID, but some states have different rules.

POLITICAL PARTIES AND CANDIDATES

In the U.S., there are two main political parties: the Democrats and the Republicans. The Democratic Party is represented by a donkey and often supports fairness and protecting the environment. The Republican Party, represented by an elephant, usually focuses on individual rights and growing the economy. Each party holds special elections to choose their candidates, leading to big events where they officially announce who will run for president.



A BRIEF HISTORY

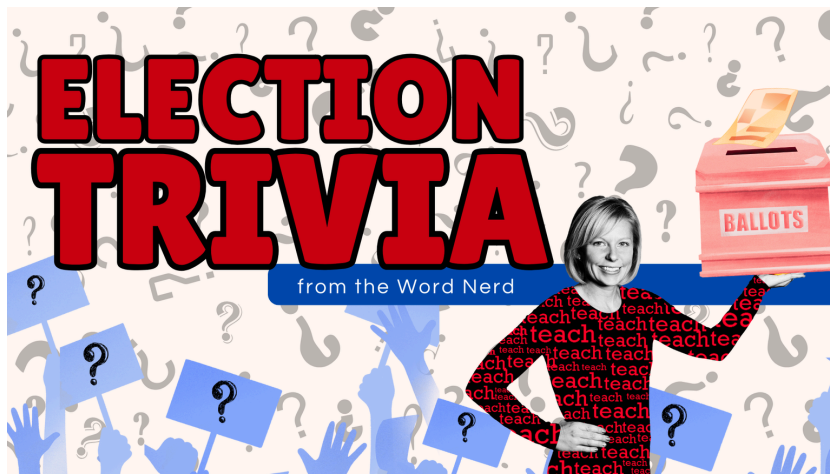
The history of presidential elections has many important moments. For example, in 1870, the rules changed so that men of all races could vote. In 1920, women gained the right to vote. These were big steps toward fairness. During the Civil War, soldiers mailed in their votes, which was a new idea at the time. Today, we can still vote by mail! Other changes came with technology. William McKinley was the first candidate to use a telephone during his campaign, and the first TV debate happened in 1960. This showed candidates that how they looked mattered.

CONCLUSION

Understanding the U.S. presidential election is very important! One day, when you turn 18, you'll be able to vote, too! Learning about how it works now will help you be ready when that time comes. Remember, everyday citizens play a big part in this process and help shape the future of the nation with each vote they cast!

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH THIS FUN QUIZ!





Election Day Trivia Answer Sheet

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Write your answers on
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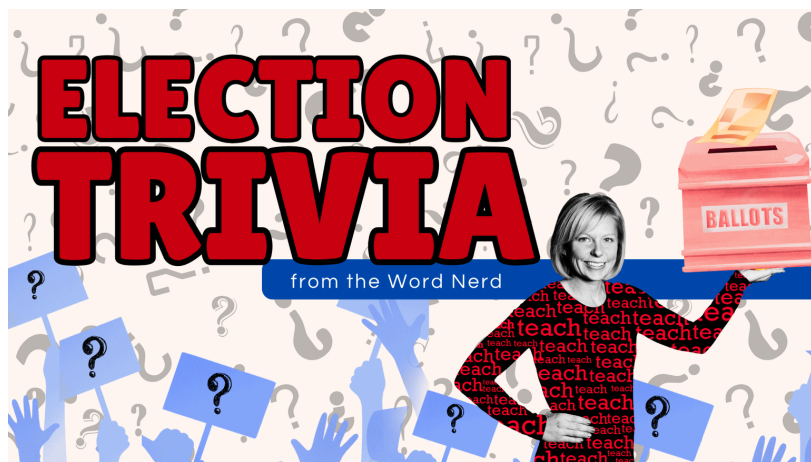
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How did you do? Are you a
Election Day Trivia ROCKSTAR?!?!



Election Day Trivia Answer Sheet

Directions:
Circle your answer for
each question below.

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Name/Team Name: _____

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2. A B C D

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5. True or False

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9. True or False

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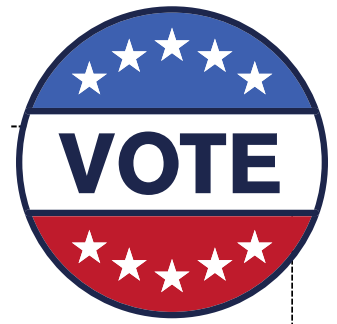
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Election Day Trivia

How much do you know about the US Presidential Election?
Take this Trivia quiz and see!



1 A _____ is a system of government in which the people who live in the country participate in the way their community runs.

- A) Dictatorship B) Aristocracy C) Monarchy D) Democracy

2 How often does the United States elect a new president?

- A) 1 Year B) 2 Years C) 3 Years D) 4 Years



3 Which animal represents the DEMOCRATIC party?

- A) Lion B) Elephant C) Donkey D) Bear

4 Which animal represents the REPUBLICAN party?

- A) Eagle B) Donkey C) Tiger D) Elephant

5 True or False? Election Day in the United States is always held on a Sunday.

- A) True B) False

6 What month is Election Day held in the U.S.?

- A) September B) October C) November D) December

7 The decision to vote on a particular day during a particular month was based on the calendar and activities of which profession?

- A) Bankers B) Lawyers C) Farmers D) Teachers



8 Which amendment granted women the right to vote?

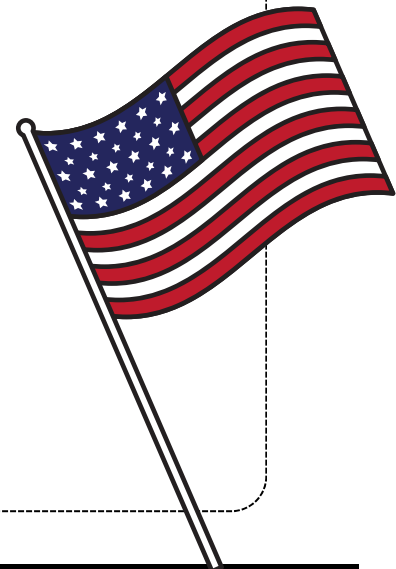
- A) 15th B) 19th C) 24th D) 26th

9 True or False? The first televised presidential debate was in 1960.

- A) True B) False

10 How many electoral votes are needed to win the presidency?

- A) 270 B) 300 C) 538 D) 100





11 True or False? Every state has the same number of electoral votes.

A) True B) False

12 Which of the following states has the most electoral votes?

A) Texas B) Florida C) California D) New York

13 What is the term for a candidate who is running for reelection?

A) Incumbent B) Challenger C) Nominee D) Opponent



14 True or False? If no candidate receives a majority of electoral college votes, the House of Representatives chooses the president.

A) True B) False

15 Which president famously defined democracy as "Government of the people, by the people, for the people."

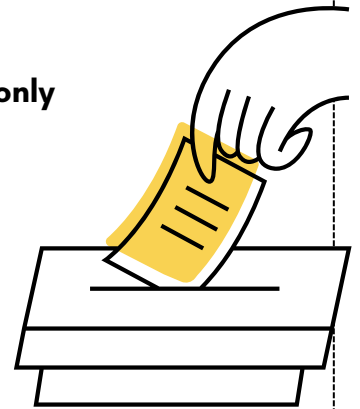
A) George Washington B) Theodore Roosevelt
C) Abraham Lincoln D) Rutherford B. Hayes

16 True or False? The Democratic and Republican parties are the only political parties in the United States.

A) True B) False

17 What is the legal voting age in the United States?

A) 16 B) 18 C) 21 D) 25



18 At what age is a person eligible to be elected president?

A) 25 B) 30 C) 35 D) 40

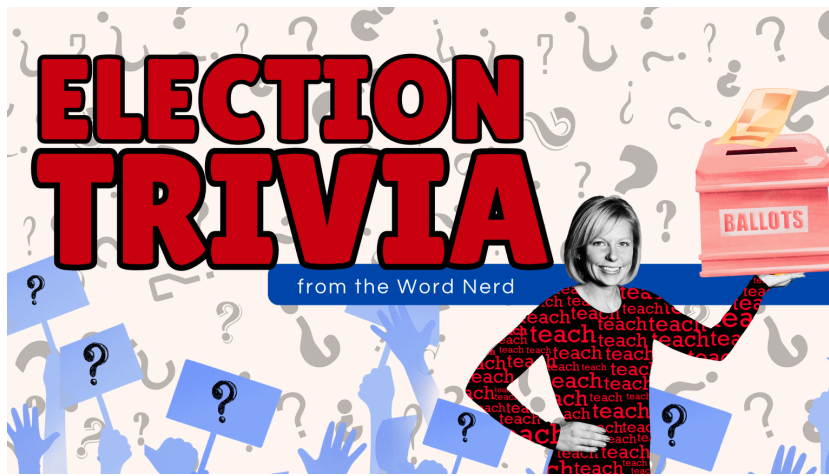
19 True or False? The practice of mail-in voting started during the Civil War, to allow soldiers to vote from the battlefield.

A) True B) False

20 Which President was the first to use a telephone during a campaign?

A) John F. Kennedy B) William McKinley
C) Theodore Roosevelt D) Benjamin Harrison





Election Day Trivia Answer Key

Directions:

If you'd like to check
student answers without the
video, here is the answer
key.

Trivia Video



ANSWER KEY

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| 1. D) Democracy | 11. False |
| 2. D) 4 years | 12. C) California |
| 3. C) Donkey | 13. A) Incumbent |
| 4. D) Elephant | 14. True |
| 5. False | 15. C) Abraham Lincoln |
| 6. C) November | 16. False |
| 7. C) Farmers | 17. B) 18 |
| 8. B) 19th | 18. C) 35 |
| 9. True | 19. True |
| 10. A) 270 | 20. B) William McKinley |

Thanks for playing!