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2023 Promote the Vote CLASSROOM GUIDE



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Dear Mississippi Educator:

Thank you again for participating in our 2023 Promote the Vote (PTV) program, "Voting- The Power to Change the Future!" We understand there are a lot of expectations placed on today's teachers, and we appreciate every effort made to institute this program in your school, whether on a large or small-scale.

Teachers just like you shaped me into the person I am today, and I'm forever grateful for the role they played in my life. As a result, when I became Secretary of State, I made a commitment to add value to education in Mississippi through the resources of my office.

Throughout this guide you will find more information regarding this year's contests and mock election. While PTV is not new, we are refreshing it with ideas from participating educators across the state. Our goal is to help raise voter awareness and provide easy to use activities, lessons, and contests for your classrooms.



Please encourage others in your district to register their class or school online as soon as possible at sos.ms.gov/PTV.

If there is anything our office might be able to assist you with to help Promote the Vote succeed at your school, please do not hesitate to contact us. You may reach us by phone at 601-359-4454 or email at PTV@sos.ms.gov.

Thank you again for your participation, but more importantly, thank you for all you do for our children. I look forward to working with you to shape the next generation of Mississippi leaders!

Please accept my most sincere regards,

Michael Watson
Secretary of State





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TIMELINE

OCTOBER 16 – MOCK ELECTION DAY

BALLOTS AVAILABLE MONDAY, OCTOBER 2ND AT [SOS.MS.GOV/PTV](https://sos.ms.gov/ptv)

DECEMBER 15 – CONTEST ENTRIES DUE

ALL MAIL-IN ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THIS DATE

The Mississippi Secretary of State's Office, in partnership with Mississippi Public Broadcasting's Education Department, is excited to announce the theme for our 2023 Promote the Vote program:



Promote the Vote (PTV) is the Secretary of State's comprehensive K-12 voter education program. The 2023 Promote the Vote theme, "Voting- The Power to Change the Future!", encourages students to realize the impact voting has for today and generations to come. There are several components to this year's program:

- **Mock Elections for Grades K-12**
- **Art Contest for Grades K-12**
- **Video Production Contest for Grades 6-12**
- **Essay Contest for Grades 6-12**
- **Poetry Contest 6-12**
- **Glossary, Games & Classroom Activities 6-12**

For more information, visit sos.ms.gov/PTV.

Please follow @MississippiSOS on twitter and Mississippi Secretary of State's Office on Facebook for announcements and updates related to PTV.





2023 PTV MOCK ELECTION GUIDE

The Promote the Vote (PTV) Mock Election is designed to increase awareness and understanding of the elections and governmental process, encourage students to get involved in the process, and, ultimately, create a generation of informed voting citizens.

This year, students in grades K-12 will have the opportunity to organize an election focused on statewide elected officials. Students will vote for the candidate of their choice on PTV Mock Election Day, Monday, October 16, 2023. The PTV Mock Election is open to all students who are enrolled in a Mississippi school or program registered for Promote the Vote. Mock election ballots will be available on our website at sos.ms.gov/PTV, beginning Monday, October 2.

If your school plans to organize a mock-election, please let our office know by emailing PTV@sos.ms.gov or calling 601-359-4454. We would also love for you to share photos from your school's event and tag us on any social media posts. #PTV23 #VotingisMySuperPower



MOCK ELECTION RULES

1. Polls for the mock election should be open at a time convenient to students and the school's schedule.
2. The mock election must be conducted strictly for educational purposes.
3. No student may be charged to participate.
4. No student may be denied the opportunity to vote.
5. The mock election may never be used for political purposes.

IDEAS FOR HAVING A SUCCESSFUL MOCK ELECTION

- Post photos on social media and tag the Secretary of State's Office and MPB Education.
- Get your local elected officials involved (Election Commissioners, etc.)
- Engage students in role playing to make casting a vote in the mock election as realistic as possible. Assign roles or tasks to students to conduct the mock election.
- Set up a mock polling place and have it staffed like an actual precinct.

Returning mock election results

Submit the results of your tally sheet on [THIS](#) Google form by Thursday, November 2.
Link for Google form: [PTV Mock Election Tally Form](#)



VOTER REGISTRATION FOR THE MOCK ELECTION

Explain to students that everyone is required to register to vote before being eligible to cast a ballot on Election Day. Review the requirements below with your students.

Mississippi law states every U.S. citizen who possesses the following qualifications is eligible to register to vote in Mississippi:

- A resident of Mississippi and the county, city, or town for 30 days prior to the election; at least 18 years old (or will be 18 by the date of the next General Election) who is:
 1. Not declared mentally incompetent by a court.
 2. Not convicted of a disenfranchising crime as defined by Section 241 of the Mississippi Constitution or by Attorney General Opinion, unless pardoned, rights of citizenship restored by the Governor or suffrage rights restored by the Legislature.

Once you are registered, you remain registered until you no longer meet one of the qualifications to vote. If you are a teacher with students who are 18 years old or older, please pass out voter registration applications to your class. You may download voter registration applications from our Y'all Vote website (yallvote.ms) or retrieve a stack of applications from your local Circuit Clerk's Office.

Voter registration forms can be mailed to your local Circuit Clerk's Office to complete the registration. Registrants should receive a Voter Registration Card at the address listed on their application. Remind students that the registration card only provides information on where a person goes to cast their ballot and does not count as an acceptable form of photo identification on Election Day.



Voter Registration Activity

Idea: If your school or class is going to participate in the PTV mock election, have students host a mock voter registration drive during homeroom, lunch, or break time.



- Have students create a voter registration form. As a class, decide what should be included on it. Why are these things important in upholding the eligibility guidelines?
- Have each set of forms organized alphabetically.
- After each student has created the classroom registration form, ask them to complete the voter registration form (for security purposes, please make sure students do not list their entire social security number or birth date on the form) and turn it in.
- Ask your local Election Commissioner to come speak to your class about the importance of registering to vote and being involved in government.

VOTER ID

Explain that Mississippi voters must present an acceptable form of photo ID when voting at the polls. If anyone does not have an acceptable form of ID (listed below), he or she may contact their local Circuit Clerk's Office and, if they are a registered voter, apply for a free voter identification card. Go over the list of acceptable forms of photo ID. Explain that in an actual election, if someone does not have an acceptable form of photo ID, they can visit the county Circuit Clerk's Office and have an ID made for free to use on Election Day.

In order to vote in the mock election, you can require students to show a photo ID (student photo ID card).



Mississippi law states all Mississippi voters casting a ballot in person at the polls or casting an absentee ballot in the Circuit or Municipal Clerk's Office must present one of the following forms of acceptable photo ID:

- A driver's license;
- A photo ID card issued by a branch, department, or entity of the State of Mississippi;
- A United States passport;
- A government employee photo ID card;
- A firearms license;
- A student photo ID issued by an accredited Mississippi university, community college, or junior college;
- A United States military photo ID;
- A tribal photo ID;
- Any other photo ID issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the United States government or any State government; or
- A Mississippi Voter Identification Card.

DID YOU KNOW: More than 8,835 voter IDs have been issued since the inception of the Mississippi Voter ID law? Visit the Mississippi Voter ID website, sos.ms.gov/voter-id, to learn more about voter ID requirements.



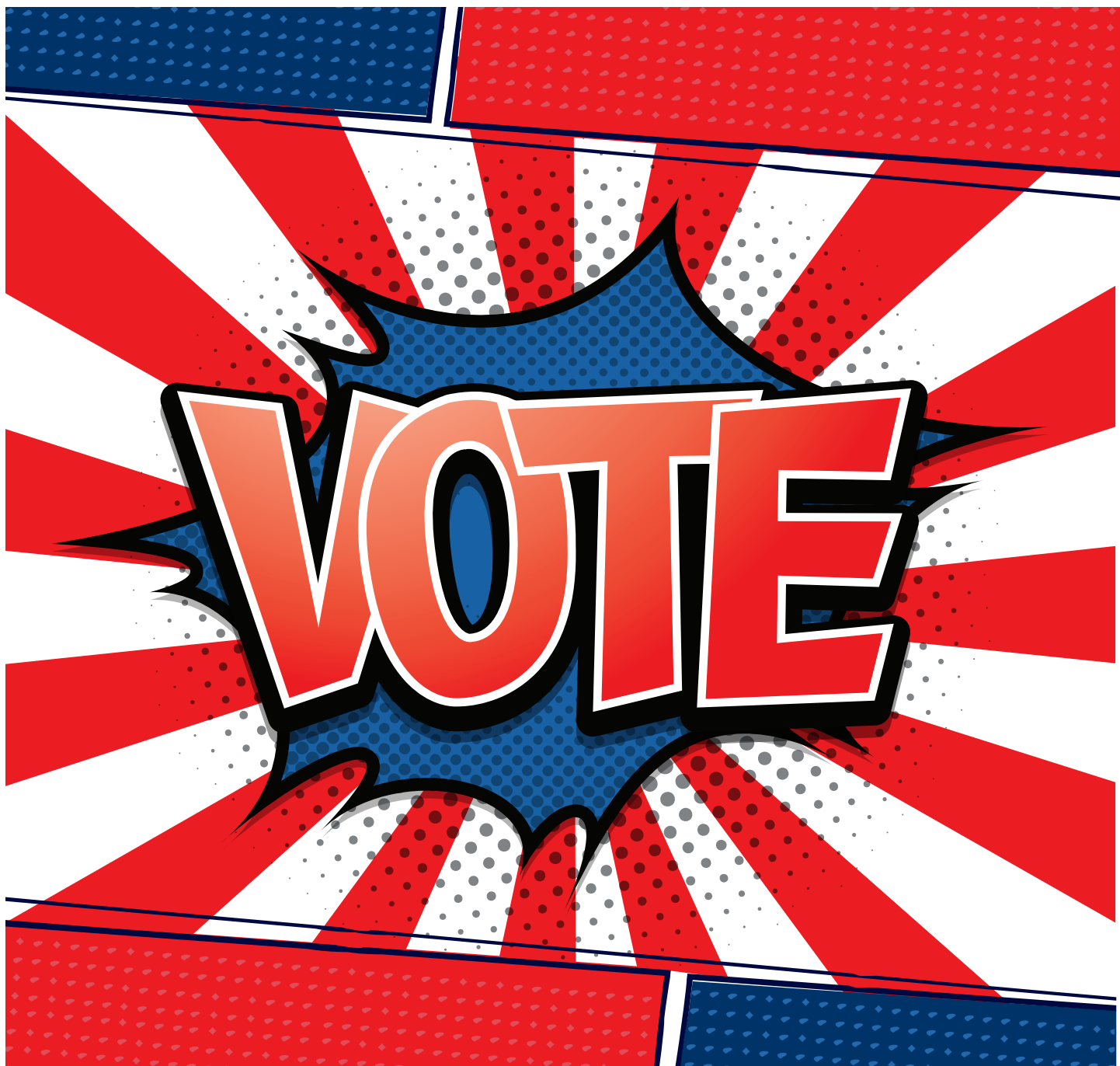
"As Mississippi's Chief Election Officer, one of my top priorities is making sure Mississippians have easy access to trusted election information. Our Y'all Vote website provides various educational materials to make the voting process less intimidating and easy to understand. Every decision begins at the ballot box, and I encourage all Mississippians to make sure their voices are heard!"

Michael Watson

2023 PTV GRADES K-12 MOCK ELECTION BALLOT

This year, students in grades K-12 will have the opportunity to vote for statewide offices in a mock election on Monday, October 16.

The PTV Mock Election is open to all students who are enrolled in a Mississippi school or program registered for Promote the Vote. Stay tuned... Our sample ballot will be available after September 8th. Be sure to keep an eye on our PTV webpage, sos.ms.gov/PTV, for when this is available.



DETERMINE YOUR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Mock election ballots are divided by congressional district. Using the Mississippi Congressional District Map below, locate the county your school is in and then use the ballot that corresponds with your schools congressional district.



Mississippi Counties by Congressional District

DISTRICT 1

Alcorn
Benton
Calhoun
Chickasaw
Choctaw
Clay
DeSoto
Itawamba
Lafayette
Lee
Lowndes
Marshall
Monroe
*Oktibbeha (3)
Pontotoc
Prentiss
Tate
Tippah
Tishomingo
Union
Webster

DISTRICT 3

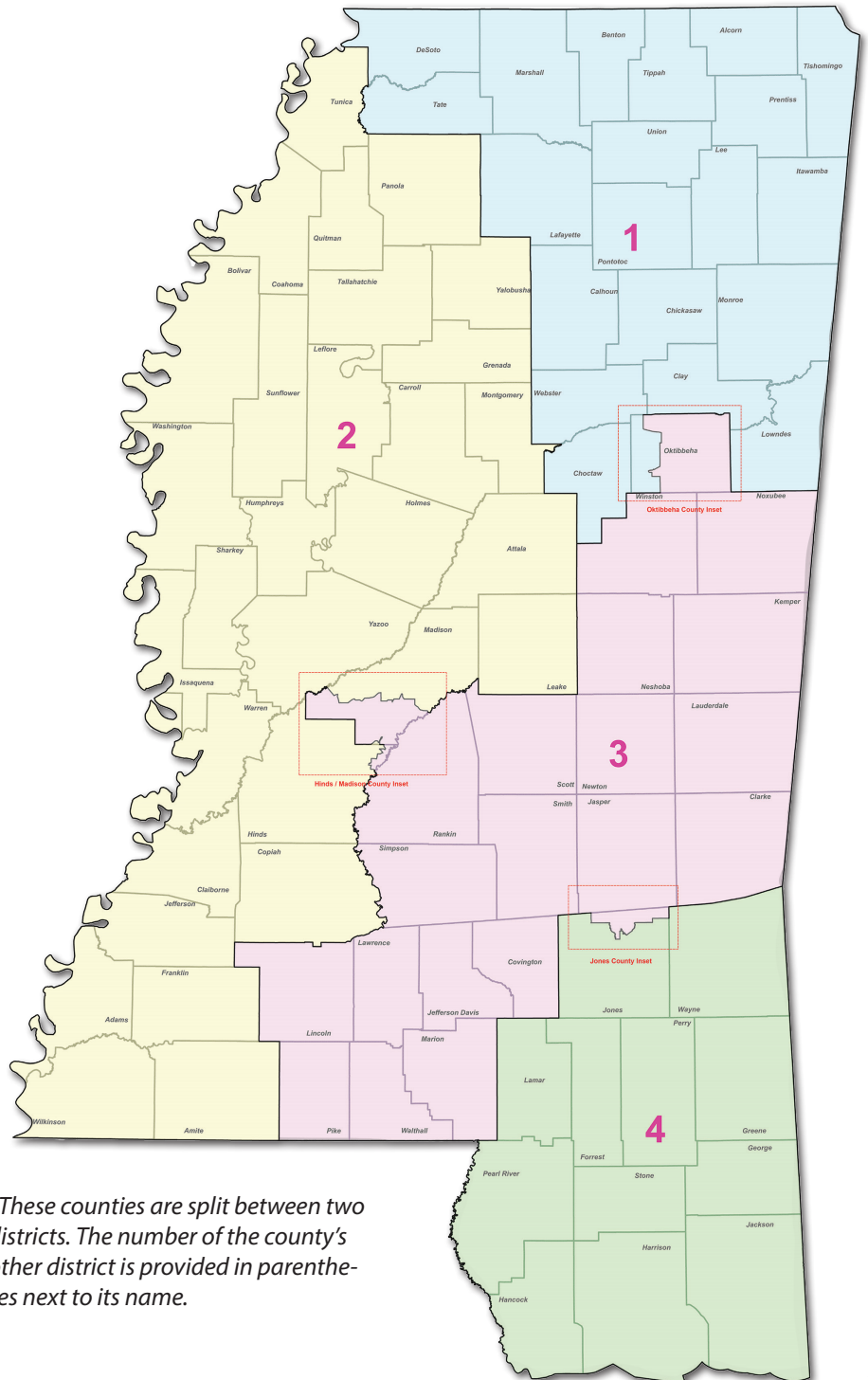
Clarke
Covington
*Hinds (2)
Jasper
Jefferson Davis
*Jones (4)
Kemper
Lauderdale
Lawrence
Lincoln
*Madison (2)
Marion
Neshoba
Newton
Noxubee
Oktibbeha
Pike
Rankin
Scott
Simpson
Smith
Walthall

DISTRICT 2

Adams
Amite
Attala
Bolivar
Carroll
Claiborne
Coahoma
Copiah
Franklin
Grenada
*Hinds (3)
Holmes
Humphreys
Issaquena
Jefferson
Leake
Leflore
*Madison (3)
Montgomery
Panola
Quitman
Sharkey
Sunflower
Tallahatchie
Tunica
Warren
Washington
Wilkinson
Yalobusha
Yazoo

DISTRICT 4

Forrest
George
Greene
Hancock
Harrison
Jackson
*Jones (3)
Lamar
Pearl River
Perry
Stone
Wayne



**These counties are split between two districts. The number of the county's other district is provided in parentheses next to its name.*

2023 PTV ART CONTEST

We encourage students to express their creativity by designing artwork depicting superheroes voting, the power in voting, and powerful votes of the past. The artwork should be relative to the theme and cannot be derogatory or negative in any way. All entries must be mailed to the Secretary of State's Office or postmarked by Friday, December 15, 2023.

Grades K-5: Depict your superhero showing their superpower of voting.

Grades 6-12: Choose one of the following:

1. What does power in voting look like?
2. Depict powerful votes or powerful moments in history.
3. Depict the power you/people possess in voting.

First, second, and third place winners will be announced for each grade level. Suggested media for drawings are colored pencils, crayons, watercolors, and poster paints. We discourage pastels or charcoal because these are fragile applications and may be harmed in the mailing/judging process. Art must be submitted on 11" x 17" art paper (maximum size; no canvas board, please). Our intent is to preserve the integrity of the student's artwork.

ART CONTEST JUDGING PROCESS:

- Students' names and schools will be kept secret from the judges.
- Submissions not conforming to the Art Contest Official Rules will be ineligible for competition.
- Submissions will be judged for content, originality, and artistic merit.
- A panel of judges will be selected by the Secretary of State's Office.
- An Art Contest Rubric will be provided in the guide and on the website for students and teachers to review.
- First, second, and third place winners will be selected for each grade level.

ART CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES:

1. All entries must be delivered to the Secretary of State's Office or postmarked by Friday, December 15, 2023.
2. Entries may be mailed to Secretary of State's Office:
Promote the Vote ART Contest
Attn: External Affairs
401 Mississippi Street
Jackson, MS 39201
3. Please tape the entry form to the back of each artwork submission. Please title and describe each piece of artwork on the entry form.
4. Contestants must be enrolled in grades K-12. Designate grade level on entry form.
5. All entries must be the original artwork by the student.
6. Artwork must be submitted on 11" x 17" art paper (maximum size).
7. The contestant's name must NOT appear on the front of the artwork.
8. Only one entry per contest is allowed per contestant. Students may enter multiple contests.
9. The participant submitting the entry must be a student in a class or school registered for Promote the Vote 2023.
10. Each piece of artwork must be accompanied by the art entry form.

The Secretary of State's Office will only return submitted entries upon request of the teacher once the PTV program is complete.



2023 PTV ART CONTEST JUDGING RUBRIC: K-5

Depict your superhero showing their superpower of voting.



Student Number/File Name: _____

Scoring	Content	Originality	Artistic Design	Artistic Ability
Exceeds expectations (8-10)	Effectively used the "Voting- The Power to Change the Future!" artistic prompt	Originality exceeds expectation; utilized very unique ideas in presenting material	Explains image concept clearly without the need of written reiteration	Artistic ability demonstrated is outstanding
Meets expectations (5-7)	Used the "Voting- The Power to Change the Future!" artistic prompt.	Originality meets expectation; utilized some unique ideas in presenting material	Needs some written explanation for image concept	Artistic ability demonstrated is good
Expectations somewhat met (3-4)	Somewhat used the "Voting- The Power to Change the Future!" artistic prompt	Originality is not strongly evident; did not effectively utilize unique ideas in presenting material	Image concept is difficult to identify without further explanation	Artistic ability demonstrated is minimal
Expectations not met (0-2)	Did NOT use the "Voting- The Power to Change the Future!" artistic prompt	Originality is lacking; did not utilize unique ideas in presenting material	Requires written explanation to understand image concept	Artwork is lacking artistic ability
Points earned				

Total points earned: _____

Comments:

2023 PTV ART CONTEST JUDGING RUBRIC: 6-12



Choose one of the following:

1. What does power in voting look like?
2. Depict powerful votes or powerful moments in history.
3. Depict the power you/people possess in voting.

Student Number/File Name: _____

Scoring	Content	Originality	Artistic Design	Artistic Ability
Exceeds expectations (8-10)	Excellent use of the "Voting- The Power to Change the Future!" artistic prompt	Originality exceeds expectation; utilized very unique ideas in presenting material	Explains image concept clearly without the need of written reiteration	Artistic ability demonstrated is outstanding
Meets expectations (5-7)	Used the "Voting- The Power to Change the Future!" artistic prompt	Originality meets expectation; utilized some unique ideas in presenting material	Needs some written explanation for image concept	Artistic ability demonstrated is good
Expectations somewhat met (3-4)	Somewhat used the "Voting- The Power to Change the Future!" artistic prompt	Originality is not strongly evident; did not effectively utilize unique ideas in presenting material	Image concept is difficult to identify without further explanation	Artistic ability demonstrated is minimal
Expectations not met (0-2)	Did NOT use the "Voting- The Power to Change the Future!" artistic prompt	Originality is lacking; did not utilize unique ideas in presenting material	Requires written explanation to understand image concept	Artwork is lacking artistic ability
Points earned				

Total points earned: _____

Comments:

2023 PTV ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Using blue or black ink, fill out all information below.



CHECK ONE:

- ☐ Grades K-2
☐ Grades 3-5
☐ Grades 6-8
☐ Grades 9-10
☐ Grades 11-12

STUDENT NAME: _____

AGE: _____ GRADE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

TEACHER: _____
(Full Name of Student's Teacher)

TEACHER EMAIL: _____

TEACHER TELEPHONE: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

TITLE OF SUBJECT: _____

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT: _____

I hereby certify this entry can be displayed publicly and published via the MS SOS Promote the Vote website or other media.

All signatures are required for submission. Failure to provide all required signatures will result in disqualification.

School/Program Coordinator Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

I hereby certify this contest entry is original and was completed by myself.

Student Signature



2023 PTV MPB VIDEO PRODUCTION CONTEST

MPB's Education department is hosting this year's video contest for Promote the Vote. In alignment with this year's theme, "Voting- The Power to Change the Future!," here are a few prompts you can choose from to create your video:

- How can voting impact your community in the future?
- How has past voting impacted your NOW?
- How do you see voting affecting you personally in the future?

THE RULES:

- There are two categories - 6th-8th grade and 9th – 12th grade. Please select the appropriate category on the entry form.
- Videos should be one (1) minute long, but not too much longer. TikTok cannot be used to create your video. When creating a video with your cell phone, please turn the phone horizontally.
- The videos can be created by one student or 2-3 students can create one together. There should be no more than three students in one video. Several students in a video should all be in the same grade, same class, and same school. Your teacher will have to sign off on this as well as your parents.
- Anyone sending in a video will need a parental release document completed for everyone who appears in the video. Your video will not be judged without the parental release document signed by your parent. By uploading the document with a signature, you are agreeing that your parent or legal guardian signed the document.
- Submissions will be via mpbonline.org. You must respond to all the questions in the digital form. You will be able to upload your video and parental release document through the digital form.
- No vulgar or disrespectful language or inappropriate images should be included in the video. Any video containing such will not be accepted for judging.
- Do not mention any current or past elected official or candidate.
- If you use music or images, make sure you own the rights. It is best not to use someone else's content. You will have to provide evidence of rights to use someone else's content.

JUDGING:

Videos will be judged on the following:

- How well you scripted the video according to the prompt you selected
- Clarity of thought
- Creativity
- Overall message

DEADLINE:

All entries must be submitted to MPB by Friday, December 15, 2023.

PRIZES:

MPB will award first, second, and third-place prizes in each category. The prizes are as follows:

1st Place: Samsung Galaxy Tablet, a T-Mobile Hotspot, and MPB swag

2nd Place: T-Mobile Hotspot and MPB swag

3rd Place: MPB swag



2023 PTV ESSAY CONTEST

The Promote the Vote essay contest provides students with a chance to express their views on important election-related issues. This year's theme "Voting- The Power to Change the Future!" highlights that voting is an essential part of democracy. Write an essay that explains how voting gives the people/us/you power. Use key details and evidence to support your answer. All entries must be submitted [HERE](#) by Friday, December 15, 2023.



ESSAY CONTEST JUDGING PROCESS:

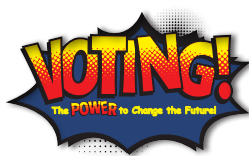
- Students' names and schools will be kept secret from the judges.
- Entries not conforming to the official rules (see below) will be ineligible for competition.
- Entries will be judged for content, original thought, power of expression, writing style, and grammar.
- A panel of judges will be selected by the Secretary of State's Office.
- An Essay Contest Rubric will be provided in the guide and website for students and teachers to review.
- First, second, and third place winners will be announced in each grade-bracket.

ESSAY CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES:

1. All entries must be submitted to the Secretary of State's Office by Friday, December 15, 2023.
2. Entries should be submitted through the following online entry form: [CLICK HERE](#) for PTV Essay Entry Form.
3. Entries must be typed, single-spaced.
4. Contestants must be in Grades 6 through 12. Designate grade level on the online entry form.
5. The entry must be the original thought and composition of the contestant alone.
6. Direct quotations from sources must be cited.
7. Only one entry per contest may be submitted by each contestant. Students may enter multiple contests.
8. Failure to comply with any rule may result in disqualification.
9. The participant submitting the entry must be a student in a class or school registered for Promote the Vote 2023.



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SECRETARY OF STATE



2023 PTV ESSAY CONTEST JUDGING RUBRIC:

Voting is an essential part of democracy. Write an essay that explains how voting gives the people/us/you power. Use key details and evidence to support your answer.



Student Number/File Name: _____

Scoring	Development of Ideas	Writing Organization	Language Conventions of Grammar and Usage
Exceeds expectations (8-10)	Addressed the writing prompt effectively and supported with logic and great details and facts that are specific and relevant. Concept is extremely clear and concise; thoughts fully developed; topic was maintained throughout paper; no digression	Writing style exceeds expectation; shows evidence of planning and a purposeful progression of ideas that flows easily for the reader. Transitions are used frequently and effectively to clarify the relationships among claims, details, and/or evidence. Showed clear sense of audience and purpose	Uses complete sentences, outstanding grammar, and mechanics.
Meets expectations (5-7)	Addressed the writing prompt and is generally clear and focused with minimal details and facts. Sufficient and appropriate evidence from the text. Concept is clear and concise; thoughts were not fully developed.	Writing meets expectation; shows some evidence of planning of ideas that flow for the reader. Showed some sense of audience and purpose.	Uses complete sentences, grammar and mechanics are not distracting for the reader.
Expectations somewhat met (3-4)	Addressed the writing prompt ineffectively and used few details to support claim	Writing is good, but needs work; mechanics are distracting for the reader. Did not show significant sense of audience.	Some sentences incomplete; grammar is distracting for the reader
Expectations not met (0-2)	Did NOT address the writing prompt or support claim with details	Writing style does not meet expectation; no sense of audience	Sentences incomplete; many grammatical errors and showed multiple mechanical errors
Points earned			

Total points earned: _____

Comments:

2023 PTV POETRY CONTEST

The Promote the Vote poetry contest provides students with a chance to express their views on important election-related issues in a creative way. This year's theme "Voting- The Power to Change the Future!" highlights that voting is an essential part of democracy. Write a poem describing how voting has the power to change the future. Be sure to include good use of imagery, sound device(s), and literary device(s). All entries must be submitted [HERE](#) by Friday, December 15, 2023.



POETRY CONTEST JUDGING PROCESS:

- Students' names and schools will be kept secret from the judges.
- Entries not conforming to the official rules (see below) will be ineligible for competition.
- Entries will be judged for content, original thought, power of expression, creativity, and the use of poetic elements.
- A panel of judges will be selected by the Secretary of State's Office.
- A Poetry Contest Rubric will be provided in the guide and website for students and teachers to review.
- First, second, and third place winners will be announced in each grade-bracket.

POETRY CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES:

1. All entries must be submitted to the Secretary of State's Office by Friday, December 15, 2023.
2. Entries should be submitted through the following online entry form: [CLICK HERE](#) for PTV Poetry Entry Form.
3. Entries must be typed.
4. Contestants must be in Grades 6 through 12. Designate grade level on the online entry form.
5. The entry must be the original thought and composition of the contestant alone.
6. Only one entry per contest may be submitted by each contestant. Students may enter multiple contests.
7. Failure to comply with any rule may result in disqualification.
8. The participant submitting the entry must be a student in a class or school registered for Promote the Vote 2023.

2023 PTV POETRY CONTEST JUDGING RUBRIC: 6-12

Write a poem describing how voting has the power to change the future. Be sure to include good use of imagery, sound device(s), and literary device(s).



Student Number/File Name: _____

Scoring	Poetic Elements	Content	Creativity
Exceeds expectations (8-10)	Poetic elements are creative and enhance the story in the poem Figurative language is effectively used to reinforce the theme and easy to understand	Theme of poem is clear and creative Topic is clear, demonstrates strong understanding Details significantly add to the story of the poem	Is creative and original. Evident that the poet put thought into their words and creatively conveyed their ideas and emotions
Meets expectations (5-7)	Poetic elements are included in the poem Figurative language is used to reinforce the theme and easy to understand	Theme of poem is clear Topic is clear All details add and support the story of the poem	Is thoughtful and creative. A couple of phrases or ideas may need to be revisited, but the overall product is carefully written
Expectations somewhat met (3-4)	Poetic elements are included and somewhat confusing to understand Figurative language is used some to reinforce the theme but is somewhat unclear	Theme is somewhat difficult to understand Topic is somewhat unclear Some details add to the story of the poem	Is creative, but appears to be rushed
Expectations not met (0-2)	Poetic elements are difficult to understand and/or not appropriate for poem Few pieces of figurative language are used and unclear or inappropriate for poem	Theme is unclear or inappropriate for poem Topic is unclear or does not follow directions Most details do not support	Appears to be thoughtless or rushed. Work is very repetitive and ideas are impersonal or unoriginal.
Points earned			

Total points earned: _____

Comments:

PROMOTE THE VOTE GLOSSARY



1. **Ballot** – A device used to cast votes in an election, typically a piece of paper.
2. **Campaign** – A race between candidates for elective office.
3. **Candidate** – A person nominated for an election.
4. **Congressional District** – a territorial division of a state.
5. **Crossover Voting** – When a voter who participated in one political party's primary election votes in the primary runoff election for an opposing political party.
6. **Delegate** – A person given the power or authority to vote for others, a representative.
7. **Democratic Party** – The oldest of the two major political parties in the United States.
8. **Election** – A formal and organized choice by vote of a person for a political office or other position.
9. **Election Day** – The day in which voting precincts are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
10. **Election Commission** – The group of people charged with ensuring all elections are conducted fairly, honestly, and in accordance with Mississippi law. Also responsible for maintaining accurate voter rolls and conducting General and Special Elections.
11. **House of Representatives** – The lower house of the Congress consisting of 435 members who each serve two-year terms (and can be re-elected).
12. **Incumbent** – A person currently holding office.
13. **Legislative Body** – persons who make, amend or repeal laws.
14. **Nonpartisan** – Not associated with a particular political party.
15. **Platform** – A formal set of principle goals which are supported by a political party or individual candidate in order to appeal to the general public for the ultimate purpose of garnering the general public's support and votes about complicated topics or issues.
16. **Precinct** – A fixed district containing a polling place, into which a city or town is divided for voting purposes.
17. **Primary Election** – A preliminary process in which voters indicate their preference for a particular party's candidate, or a candidate in general, for an upcoming general election.
18. **Poll Worker** – A person assigned by an election official to assist with an election, voting, or counting votes.
19. **Republican Party** – The younger of the two major political parties; nicknamed the "Grand Old Party."
20. **Runoff Election** – A second election held to determine a winner when no candidate in the first election met the required threshold for victory.
21. **Special Election** – An election held at an unusual or unexpected time for a specific purpose.
22. **U.S. Congress** – the legislature of the United States government.
23. **Voter Registration** – The act of enrolling on an electoral roll (or voter roll). A prerequisite for being entitled or permitted to vote.
24. **Voter Roll** – A list of people who are entitled to vote for particular elections in a particular jurisdiction, also known as an "electoral roll."
25. **Voter ID** – A form of photo identification required to vote in Mississippi elections.

PROMOTE THE VOTE VOCABULARY WORKSHEET

Name: _____ Class: _____



A. Ballot	J. Republican Party	S. Democratic Party
B. Voter ID	K. Runoff Election	T. Legislative Body
C. Nonpartisan	L. House of Representatives	U. Platform
D. Delegate	M. Poll Worker	V. Special Election
E. Candidate	N. Election Commission	W. Precinct
F. U.S. Congress	O. Crossover Voting	X. Election Day
G. Congressional District	P. Campaign	Y. Incumbent
H. Voter Roll	Q. Election	
I. Primary Election	R. Voter Registration	

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- _____ persons who make, amend or repeal laws.
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- _____ A second election held to determine a winner when no candidate in the first election met the required threshold for victory.
- _____ A formal and organized choice by vote of a person for a political office or other position.
- _____ Not associated with a particular political party.
- _____ An election held at an unusual or unexpected time for a specific purpose.
- _____ The oldest of the two major political parties in the United States.
- _____ The group of people charged with ensuring all elections are conducted fairly, honestly, and in accordance with Mississippi law. Also responsible for maintaining accurate voter rolls and conducting General and Special Elections.



PROMOTE THE VOTE VOCABULARY WORKSHEET CON'T

SENTENCES: Write a complete sentence using the vocabulary word listed.

26. Platform

27. Incumbent

28. Campaign

29. Election Commission

30. Ballot

31. Primary Election

32. Nonpartisan

33. Congressional District

34. Voter Registration

35. Runoff Election

36. Delegate



PROMOTE THE VOTE VOCABULARY WORKSHEET CON'T

ILLUSTRATIONS: Choose six vocabulary words to illustrate in the boxes below. You must include the vocabulary word in the box.

PROMOTE THE VOTE VOCABULARY QUIZ

Name: _____ Class: _____



DEFINITIONS:

1. A second election held to determine a winner when no candidate in the first election met the required threshold for victory.
A. Precinct B. Runoff Election C. Ballot D. Voter Roll
2. The day in which voting precincts are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
A. Election Day B. Poll Worker C. Crossover Voting D. Voter ID
3. A device used to cast in an election, typically a piece of paper.
A. Runoff Election B. Incumbent C. Platform D. Ballot
4. A form of photo identification required to vote in Mississippi elections.
A. Voter ID B. Election Commission C. Delegate D. Campaign
5. An election held at an unusual or unexpected time for a special purpose.
A. Primary Election B. Democratic Party C. Special Election D. Nonpartisan
6. The lower house of the Congress consisting of 435 members who each serve two-year terms (and can be re-elected).
A. Election Day B. House of Representatives C. U.S. Congress D. Candidate
7. A race between candidates for elective office.
A. Platform B. Precinct C. Campaign D. Voter Roll
8. Persons who make, amend and repeal laws.
A. Republican Party B. Congressional District C. Platform D. Legislative Body
9. A list of people who are entitled to vote for particular elections in a particular jurisdiction, also known as an "electoral roll."
A. Voter Roll B. Delegate C. Voter Registration D. Nonpartisan
10. A person nominated for an election.
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11. A formal set of principle goals which are supported by a political party or individual candidate in order to appeal to the general public for the ultimate purpose of garnering the general public's support and votes about complicated topics or issues.
A. Platform B. Delegate C. Election Day D. Poll Worker
12. A fixed district containing a polling place, into which a city or town is divided for voting purposes.
A. Election B. Congressional District C. Voter Roll D. Precinct
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PROMOTE THE VOTE VOCABULARY QUIZ CON'T

DEFINITIONS CON'T:

14. The act of enrolling on an electoral roll (or voter roll). A prerequisite for being entitled or permitted to vote.
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25. Not associated with a particular political party.
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PROMOTE THE VOTE VOCABULARY QUIZ CON'T

COMPLETING THE SENTENCE:



26. Holmes County had to hold a _____ to select the candidate for the general election.
A. Voter ID B. Primary Election C. Candidate D. Poll Worker
27. My mom forgot to bring her drivers license as her form of _____ to the poll.
A. Election Day B. Runoff Election C. Voter ID D. Ballot
28. Chandler decided to use candy in all snack machines at his school for his _____ for Student Body President.
A. Voter Registration B. Platform C. Delegate D. Election
29. A _____ was held to fill the vacant seat of the Senator who passed away.
A. Precinct B. Special Election C. Ballot D. Delegate
30. He vowed to run his _____ ethically.
A. Candidate B. House of Representatives C. Campaign D. Voter Roll
31. Mr. Smith presented a _____ bill that both political parties will support to help their citizens.
A. Runoff Election B. Precinct C. Election D. Nonpartisan
32. The _____, Senator Brown, lost the election to the new Senator Gray.
A. Delegate B. Election C. Incumbent D. Election Day
33. The student body decided to support the _____ for Student Body President because she served as the Vice President the year before.
A. Candidate B. Poll Worker C. U.S. Congress D. Platform
34. The election resulted in a _____ because the first election did not have a victory for either candidate.
A. Voter Roll B. Election Day C. Ballot D. Runoff Election
35. The best day of the year is _____ because citizens can exercise their right to vote.
A. Election B. House of Representatives C. Election Day D. Voter ID

PROMOTE THE VOTE WORD SEARCH



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PROMOTE THE VOTE WORD SEARCH ANSWERS



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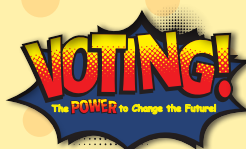
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PROMOTE THE VOTE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

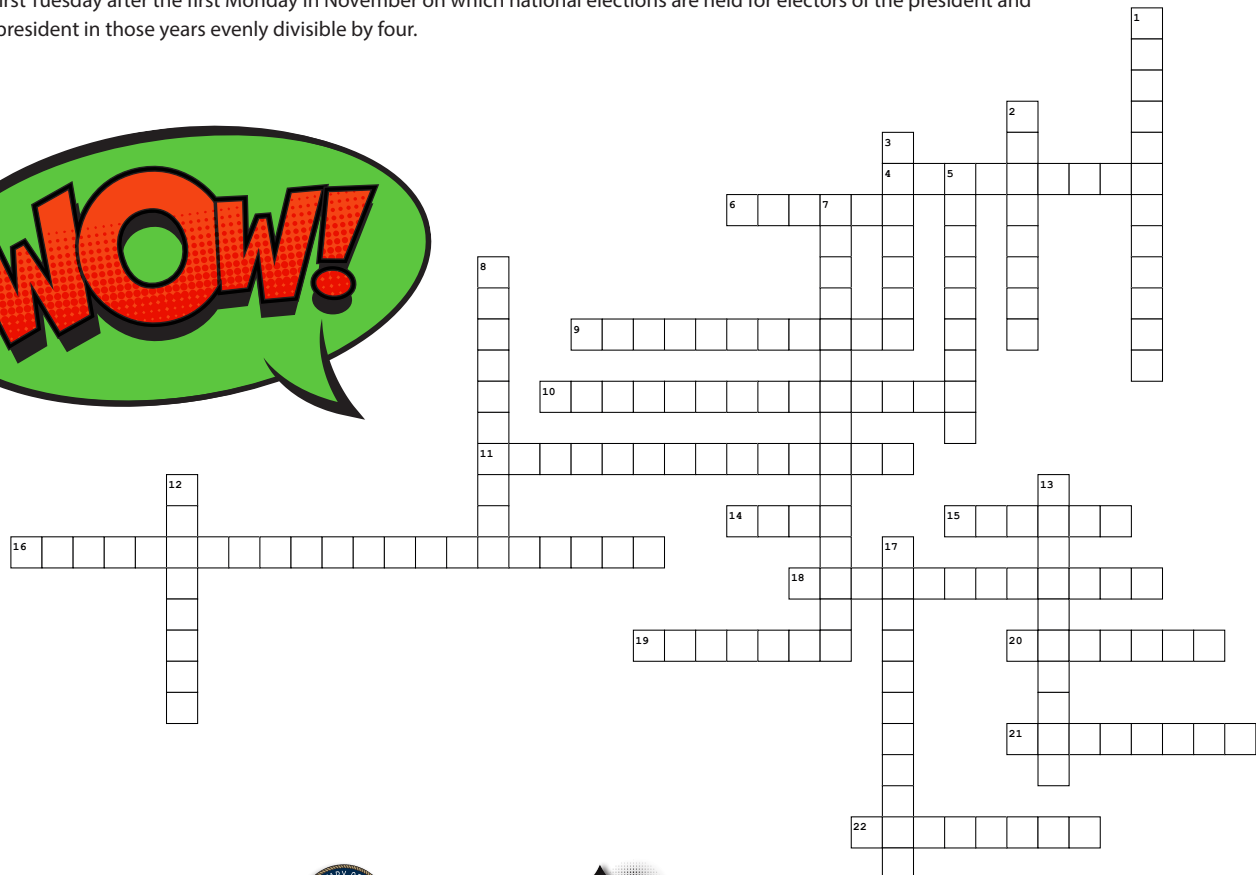


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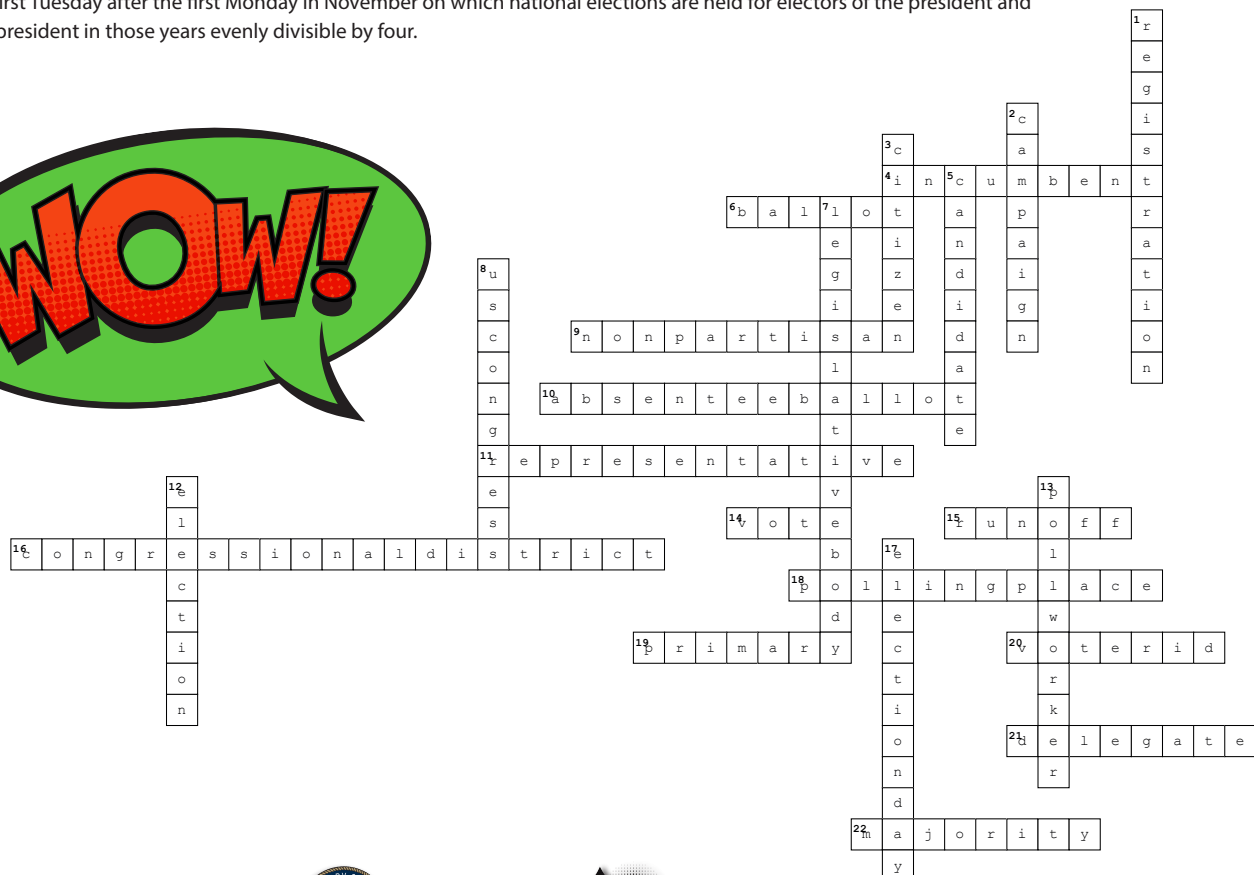


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CARD MATCH UP RACE – IDEAS FOR TEACHERS

Objective: Card Match Up Race allows students to match terms and definitions by pairing cards.



CARD MATCH UP MATERIALS:

- Note cards, paper, or anything that can be used for writing terms and definitions.

CARD MATCH UP INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Create cards by using terms and definitions listed in the PTV Glossary. To save time, it is suggested to give each student blank note cards for labeling terms.
2. Separate the class into teams. The number of teams may vary depending on classroom size. Each team should be given between 16-24 cards which will result in 8-12 different matches.
3. Place each team in different areas throughout the room and have them shuffle their cards and place them face down.
4. Have each team rotate to a new set of cards to prevent cheating and peaking when the students are placing the cards down.
5. Allow the students to all start looking for matches at the same time and see which team can locate all the matches the quickest!

CONNECT FOUR – IDEAS FOR TEACHERS

Objective: Connect Four allows students to enjoy playing a classic game, while reviewing content acquired.

CONNECT FOUR MATERIALS:

- Dry Erase Board
- Dry Erase Markers
- Sticky Notes (can be substituted with expo markers)
- A variety of prepared review questions

CONNECT FOUR INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Divide students into teams. For best results, split students into four or five different teams.
2. Draw a grid to represent the different places where students can put their teams' colors. A 7x4 grid is recommended.
3. Assign each team to a different color sticky note or dry erase marker color.
4. Ask each team a question. Teachers may decide whether questions will be directed to individual students or the entire team. Students may collectively gather to choose an answer.
5. If the individual/team answers correctly, they will place their team's color on the board. If the question is answered incorrectly, the team does not get to place their color on the board that round.



BALLOON TENNIS - IDEAS FOR TEACHERS

Balloon Tennis offers flexibility and can be played for an entire class period or during short periods of time.

Objective: Balloon Tennis quizzes students on their knowledge while allowing them to compete with their peers in a makeshift tennis match.



BALLOON TENNIS MATERIALS:

- Two different-colored inflated balloons
(*Extra balloons are suggested in case original balloons pop*)
- A variety of review questions

BALLOON TENNIS INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Divide the classroom seating area in half, creating two teams with equal numbers of players. There is no need to move furniture. All players should be seated for the duration of the game.
2. Give one balloon to each team and write team names on the board to keep score.
3. Throughout the game, students will remain completely seated and must keep all four feet of their chair/desk on the floor.
4. While seated, students can hit the balloon with any parts of their body; however, they are not allowed to touch other players or the other team's balloon.
5. The balloons must remain in motion, in the air, for the entire round, until the teacher calls, "Stop!"
6. Each student's goal is to keep their team's balloon in motion, off floors, tables, and desks, and away from the other team, while remaining seated.
7. Each time a balloon flies out of reach, touches the other team, floor, table, or desk, tilts their chair off the floor, or leaves their seat (even partially), game play stops. The teacher will call "Stop!" and the offending team will have to answer a question.

Gaining Points: In Balloon Tennis, the goal is to receive as few points as possible. When a team is forced to answer a review question, they have one chance to give a correct answer. Teachers may set timers for responses, if needed. If the team answers incorrectly, they receive a point. If they answer correctly, nothing happens. The team with the fewest points wins the game.



BOOM! – IDEAS FOR TEACHERS

Objective: BOOM! Encourages students to review material learned by answering questions.



BOOM! MATERIALS:

- Popsicle Sticks
- Review Questions
- Cup, bag, envelope, or any other object that can be used to hold the Popsicle sticks.

BOOM! INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Number the sticks with however many questions you have for your students to answer. For example, if you have 30 questions then you will label your Popsicle sticks 1-30. Next, you will grab 2-5 new Popsicle sticks and label them with the word "BOOM!" After adding the boom sticks you should end up with around 32-35 Popsicle sticks total.
2. Split the class into teams of two or three. Each team will take turns drawing sticks and answering correlating questions. If a team answers correctly, they can keep the Popsicle stick, but if they answer wrong, they must put the stick back. The stick will then be able to be drawn again later in the game.
3. If a team draws the word "BOOM!" then that team must give all their Popsicle sticks back.
4. The team that has the most sticks at the end of the game is the winner.



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