



SOLUTIONS

(30-40 minutes over two to three days)

OBJECTIVE

Students gather information to prepare to vote.

MATERIALS

We Elect Leaders to Help Solve Society's Problems handout

GET READY

- ✓ Copy the *We Elect Leaders to Help Solve Society's Problems* handout for each student.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Assign your students to watch, listen to and read the news; to ask questions of teachers, family members and friends; and to gather information about the candidates.
- ✓ In discussion, ask students what they consider their society's, community's, state's, or nation's greatest problems. Have students list them in the left column on the activity sheet (in addition to the three already listed: economy, pollution, crime).
- ✓ As they learn the views of the candidates on the issues, have the students list them on the activity sheet. This could be done with quotes, news reports, or their own words. Students can additionally list their own solutions to the problems.
- ✓ Ask your students to put an asterisk next to a problem they could work on now.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ *How do you feel about Candidate A's solutions?*
- ★ *How do you feel about Candidate B's solutions?*
- ★ *Did any of your solutions match those of a candidate? Might this be a good reason to vote for a candidate?*
- ★ *What should/could you do if you feel you have a good idea for a solution?*
- ★ *Who would you vote for when considering the issues on the activity sheet?*

MORE!

Make an election scrapbook. Collect articles, cartoons, etc., and place them in the scrapbook. Donate it to the school library upon completion to serve as a historical document.

VOTE QUOTE

"I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education." –Thomas Jefferson



WE ELECT LEADERS TO HELP SOLVE SOCIETY'S PROBLEMS

Problems	Candidate A's Solutions	Candidate B's Solutions	Our Solutions
Economy			
Pollution			
Crime			