

Introduction

You are about to embark on a Web Quest. The idea is to do each study task in order and only spend about 15 min. on each. I have added an extra credit task if you find yourself getting done early. You may access an online worksheet where you can type your answers and then print yourself a copy. I do not recommend printing until you have all the answers, but do save the worksheet to your computer for future use. You will only be able to type into the form fields. Have fun and feel free to let me know if I need to make any serious adjustments :)

Ms. Shaw

Study Task #1: President's Job Description

Create a job description for your ideal President. Use the links below to find out as much as you can about the president such as:

1. The three Constitutional Requirements
2. The minimum and maximum 'term of service'
3. Annual salary and any additional money
4. Five different presidential roles
5. Consider three important issues you would like your candidate to spend time on

When you think you have gathered enough information you may open the worksheet from the Documents section from the homepage and type in your answers. You may not print this worksheet until you have completed all the different study tasks.

Internet Links

As you navigate the white house site; consider exploring the sections called 'your government' 'issues' and the various 'cabinet' offices.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov>

Study Task #2: Citizen's Job Description

Create a job description for the ideal U.S. Citizen. Use the links below to find out as much as you can about the president such as:

1. Way to become a citizen
2. Requirements for Citizenship
3. Requirements for Voting
4. Five Citizen Rights
5. Five Citizen Responsibilities

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Internet Links

Use the link for Ben's Guide to explore the requirements, rights and responsibilities of citizenship in the United States. I suggest you look in grades 9-12 or 6-8; then click on the Citizenship link and many of the links down at the bottom of each page.

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/index.html>

Study Task #3: Party Platforms

Very soon you will be able to vote, will you join a political party or not? Will you make compromises to participate in the political process or will you find an independent party that supports you completely but may have little chance to win? Keep these questions in mind as you investigate our two major parties and a few popular third-parties. Keep in mind you are researching their basic 'platform' or agenda. You will need to look up general information on:

1. The Republican Party
2. The Democratic Party
3. The Green Party
4. The Libertarian Party
5. Party of your choice?

After researching the parties consider taking the world's smallest political quiz. Please keep in mind that this is a very limited quiz but may help you focus your attention on a specific party website in the future.

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Internet Links

Use the link as a starting point for each of these parties.

<http://www.northvalley.net/kids/parties.shtml>

Take the World's Smallest Political Quiz here.

<http://www.self-gov.org/quiz.html>

Study Task: EXCR: The Electoral College

Find out all you can about the Electoral College such as:

1. Why is it used?
2. History
3. How the votes are determined, counted and collected
4. Positives
5. Problems

Internet Links

Consider using the frequently asked questions and the calculator - these are both fun and interesting.

http://www.archives.gov/federal_register/electoral_college/

This next website is also very interesting and has a ton of information. Consider reading the welcome page so that you are aware of who is running it.

<http://www.electoral-vote.com/>

Student Name:

Presidential Web Quest Worksheet

You will need to click in the gray boxes and then start typing your answers. Again, save it after each task but do not print it out until you are completely finished.

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Political Party	Platform Issue #1	Platform Issue #2	Platform Issue #3
Republican Party (conservative)			
Democratic Party (liberal)			
Green Party			
Libertarian Party			
Pick One			

What is your political party according to the quiz (optional)?

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