

Ms. Tria/Mrs. Nystrom Social Studies, Grade 11
Meet the Candidates Election 2016
Unit: Constitution

Date Assigned: Monday, October 17, 2016
Date Due: Monday, November 7, 2016
Presentations: Monday, November 7, 2016

In this project, you will take on the role of one of the candidates in the current US presidential election. You will be assigned to role-play either Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump and to become an expert on one of the important issues in this election listed below. You will conduct research on the issue and the candidate's position on that issue. You will need to get a broad overview of the candidate and their specific stance on the issue, their specific public policy plans to address the issue, and how it affects youth in particular.

You will initially record your candidate's position, note relevant quotes stated by your candidate, and list specific policy plans to address the issue in the graphic organizer attached. You will then use that information to create a tri-fold display board where you will go into greater detail explaining the issue and your candidate's public policy plans about it. Your display board should be bold, colorful, persuasive, and compelling—you are trying to win votes! It must accurately and thoroughly reflect the candidate's position and what is at stake in this election. You must also indicate all the sources used.

On Monday, November 7, you will participate in a gallery walk around the classroom. You will either be presenting your tri-fold display or walking around viewing the displays of other students and taking notes on the graphic organizer as you speak with the candidates.

As a concluding activity, you will review your notes about each candidate and think about which candidate best matches your own positions and values. You will then write down your own endorsement of one of the candidates indicating which issue and what policy plan associated with it was most critical in making your choice.

Grading: The project will be grade as a 100 point test grade: 50 points for the tri-fold display, 25 points for your presentation, 25 points for your completed graphic organizer (all sections filled in, not just your topic!).

Issues:

Jobs and the Economy
Education
Energy and the Environment
Immigration
Guns
Health Care

Foreign Policy and Terrorism

Research Sources:

The nonprofit, nonpartisan organization ProCon.org offers a by side comparison of where the 2016 presidential candidates stand on many issues. When you click on an issue, you will see relevant quotes made by the candidates.

[CNN's Election Center](http://CNN.com/election) also gives background on key issues along with a brief summary of the candidates' positions.

[PBS](http://PBS.org) also provides nonpartisan information about the 2016 election and the election process in general.

The Clinton and Trump Web sites provide the official candidate position on many issues ([Hillary Clinton 2016 | Hillary for America](http://HillaryClinton2016.com) , donaldjtrump.com).

Factcheck.org is another good source to confirm the accuracy of statements and policy proposals.

The websites of the Republican National Committee (RNC) and the Democratic National Committee (DNC) will have the official party platforms listed.

Meet the Candidates Election 2016 Graphic Organizer

Where do the candidates stand on important issues? What are their public policy plans?

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