

ALL-IN-ONE!

Presidential Elections Elementary Teacher Instructions and Reproducible Activity

Students will use the reproducible template to create a classified ad (“Help Wanted” ad) for President of the United States. This assignment can be adjusted according to grade level.

Supplies needed: Reproducible worksheets, textbooks, notes and other reference materials, pen/pencil, colored pencils and/or crayons, and notebook paper

1. Discuss the purpose of “help wanted ads” in the newspaper and show students samples of these from actual newspapers.
2. Review the requirements for becoming President of the United States.
3. Discuss other qualities that a successful president would have—smart, honest, wise, dependable, experienced, good speaker, etc.
4. Give each student a worksheet. Remind students to write their names on the back of the sheets.
5. Next, explain to the students that they are going to create a help wanted ad for the position of President of the United States. Instruct them to include the legal requirements for the office in addition to the qualities they would like for a president to have (older grade levels).
6. Tell the students to write a rough draft of their ad on notebook paper before writing their final copy on the want ad worksheet. Be sure that they start with:
WANTED
President of the United States
7. After they have written their final copy, they can color and decorate their want ads accordingly—with American flags, donkeys, elephants, stars, etc.
8. Have students present their ads and display them on the bulletin board.



