

# ALL-IN-ONE!

## Presidential Elections Middle School Teacher Instructions and Reproducible Activity

Students will use a fill-in-the-blank activity to organize information about presidential elections into a graphic organizer, which they can color and decorate.

**Supplies needed:** Graphic organizer sheets, notes, textbooks, other available reference materials, pens/pencils, colored pencils, and/or crayons

1. Distribute the fill-in-the-blank sheets and instruct students to complete these using the word bank. Post the word bank on the board.

**Word Bank:**

candidate, inauguration, absentee ballot, slogans, pollster, veto, voting, term, election, Oval Office, ballot, platform

2. Give each student a graphic organizer to complete. Instruct the students to use the fill-in-the-blank worksheet to complete the graphic organizer.
3. The center bubble on the graphic organizer reads, “Presidential Elections,” and three other bubbles are connected to the central bubble. Have the students label one bubble “President,” another “Voter,” and another “Campaign.”
4. Each statement on the fill-in-the-blank sheets can be placed in one of the following three categories: President, Voter, Campaign.
5. Students will then organize the 12 statements from the fill-in-the-blank sheet into those three categories. There will be four statements per category. Students can write the numbers of the statements in the blanks.
6. Once the students have put the information on the graphic organizer, instruct them to lightly color the bubbles in the graphic organizer and then add their own art—donkeys, elephants, American flags, ballots, voting booths, presidents, etc., as space will allow.
7. Display on bulletin board.



## Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the Word Bank.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ ceremony marks the president's formal entry into office.
2. People choose elected officials by \_\_\_\_\_.
3. By choosing to \_\_\_\_\_ a bill, the President rejects it.
4. At the end of a campaign, citizens vote in an \_\_\_\_\_ to select a person for a political office.
5. A voter who cannot be present at the polls on the day of the election may submit an \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ to cast his/her vote.
6. A \_\_\_\_\_ is one who is trying to win an office by campaigning for votes.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ is where the president takes calls, does business, and holds meetings.
8. In the polling booth, a voter will find a \_\_\_\_\_, a slip of paper or electronic page listing the nominees for office.
9. A \_\_\_\_\_ is one who surveys the opinions of the public during a campaign.
10. Candidates often use \_\_\_\_\_, also known as mottos, to help people remember them.
11. The president's four years in office is referred to as his \_\_\_\_\_ in office.
12. Political parties, such as Democrats or Republicans, will release a \_\_\_\_\_, a public statement of their goals.

