

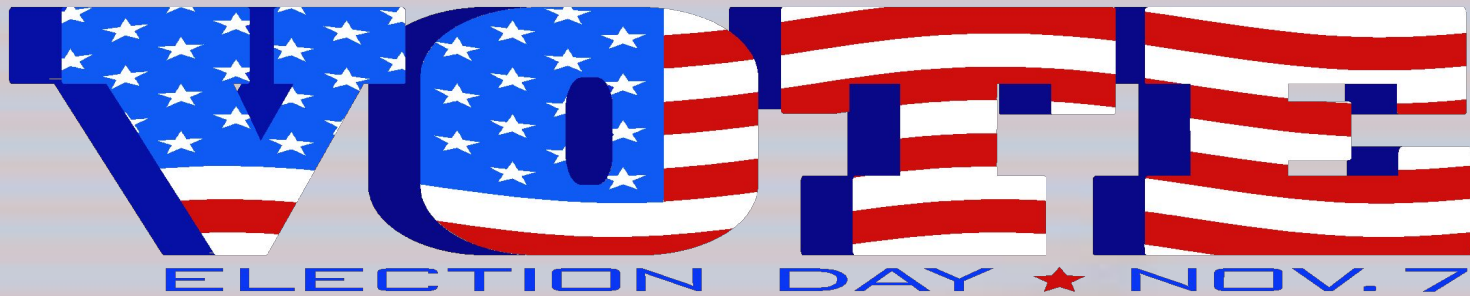
# Electing the President of the United States



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# When Do We Elect the President of the United States?



**Vote**  
ELECTION DAY ★ NOV. 7

The graphic features the word "Vote" in a large, stylized font. The letters are filled with the colors and patterns of the American flag: blue with white stars for the 'V' and 'O', and red and white stripes for the 'T' and 'E'. Below the word, the text "ELECTION DAY ★ NOV. 7" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

The people of the United States of American choose a President every four years. An election takes place on the first Tuesday of November.

A hand holding a small American flag is visible in the bottom right corner of the slide.



# Who Can Run For President?

To be the President you must:

1. **Be born in the United States**
2. **Be at 35 years old**
3. **Lived in the U.S. for 14 years or more**

**The President can be  
a man or woman  
of any race or any religion.**





# How Long Can You Be President?

- You can be President for eight years (that's two four-year terms)

Trivia: Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the only person to be President for more than two terms. He was elected four times.





# What does the President do?



The Presidents Job is very important!

## The President:

- Is in charge of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines.
- Represents the United States and decides how we work with other countries.
- Suggests laws and signs laws and sometime rejects laws.
- Helps other countries get along with each other.



# How do we Elect a President?



1. Candidates announce that they are entering the race. This usually happens 1-2 years before the November election.
2. Members in the same party run against each other, trying to become the party's candidate during the primaries and caucuses.
3. At the National party convention the party selects a candidate, the candidate selects a "running mate" for vice president
4. The party writes a "platform" of goals and promises.





# How do Presidential Candidates Campaign?



The Presidential candidates run against each other try to get people to vote for them by:

1. Giving speeches
2. Shaking hands
3. Giving interviews
4. Paying for ads on TV, radio, and in the newspaper





# Who Can Vote for President?

To be qualified to vote one must be:

1. A United States citizen
2. 18 years of older
3. A resident of a state of the District of Columbia.
4. Registered to vote

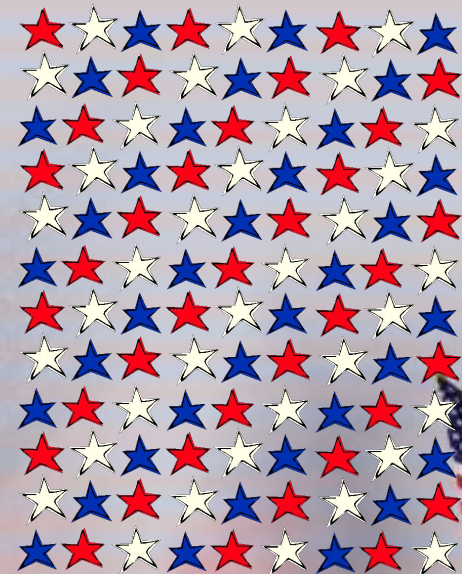




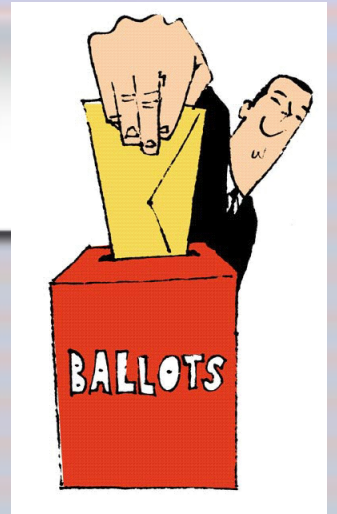
# Who Can not Vote?

You can not vote if you are:

1. In jail or on probation for committing a felony
2. A convicted felon
3. Legally insane



# When do you Vote?



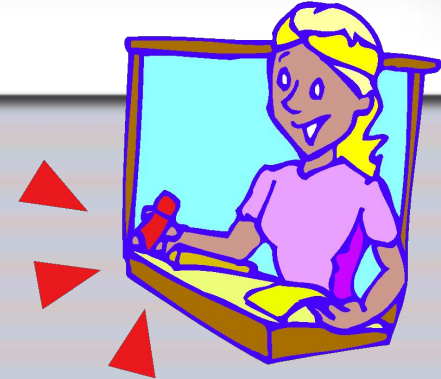
**On the first Tuesday of November, people all over the United States go to polling locations and vote their choice for President.**



# How do you Vote?

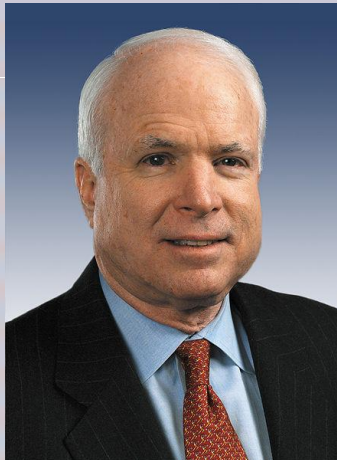
Some people vote by:

1. Punching a hole in a card
2. Touching a computer screen
3. Putting an X on a paper ballot next to the candidate name.



# Who is running for President in 2008?

There are several people running for President but the two major candidates are John McCain and Barack Obama.



Republican  
**John McCain**

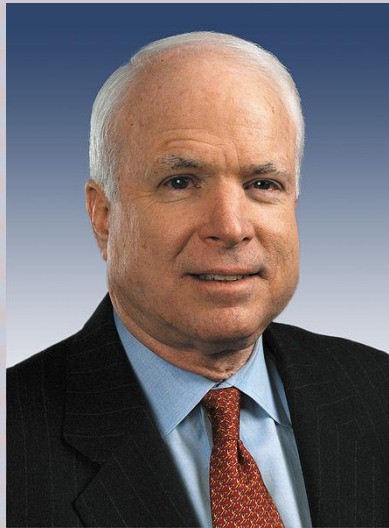


Democrat  
**Barack Obama**

Click on the candidates picture to view more about them.



# Who is in the Republican Party?



Presidential Candidate

**John McCain**



Vice Presidential  
Candidate

**Sarah Palin**

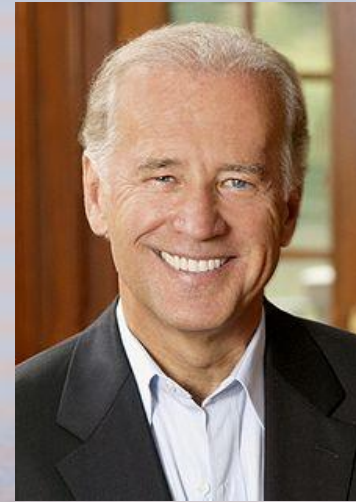


# Who is in the Democratic Party?



Presidential Candidate

**Barack Obama**



Vice President Candidate

**Joe Biden**



# What is the Electoral College?

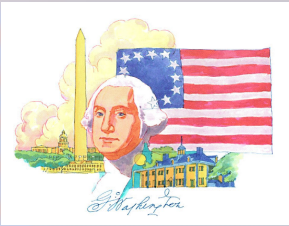
The candidate that gets the most votes in each state gets all the electoral votes for that state. Each state has a certain number of electoral votes. The more people that live in your state-the more electoral votes your state gets.

Candidates spend a lot of time campaigning in California, New York, and Texas. The first candidate to win 270 electoral votes becomes the President!



# When is the President Sworn In?

On January 20, the President is sworn in, in Washington, D. C. He recites an oath: “I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States.”








## **What Does the President Do After He is inaugurated?**

**After the inauguration, the President nominates people for the jobs he or she wants them to be in charge of in the different departments of the federal government. The people who head each department of the federal government make up the President's cabinet.**



# Where does the President live?

The new President and his family move into the White House at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. The President and his family will live and work there for the next four years.





# Election Vocabulary

**Ballot-** a list of people trying to get elected

**Campaign-** when people get together to try to influence other to vote for a particular candidate

**Candidate-** a person who is trying to get elected

**Caucus-** closed meeting of party members to determine nominations

**Debate-** a formal meeting where the candidates discuss and argue about different things that are important to our country.

**Democrat-** a member of the Democratic party.

**Election-** when people choose the person they want for the job.





# Election Vocabulary

**Electoral college-** a group of representatives chosen by voters to elect the president and the vice-president of the United States.

**Oath-** a promise

**Polling location-** place where people vote.

**Primary-** an election that happens in some states to choose candidates for the political party's convention (only members of the party can vote in these elections).

**Republican-** someone who belongs to the Republican Party


**Running mate-** a candidate who is running with another candidate.

**Term-** amount of time someone is elected for.





# Election Quiz

1. Every \_\_\_\_\_ years the people of the United States choose a new President.
  2. You have to be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old to run for President.
  3. The 2008 Republican Candidate is \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. The 2008 Democratic Candidate is \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. Candidates try to get people to vote for them by giving \_\_\_\_\_ and shaking \_\_\_\_\_.
  6. \_\_\_\_\_ was the only President to be elected for more than two terms.
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# Election Quiz

7. You must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ years old and U.S. citizen to vote.
8. On the first Tuesday of \_\_\_\_\_, people go to the polls to vote.
9. On \_\_\_\_\_ the new President is sworn into office.
10. The President and his family move into the \_\_\_\_\_ on 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D. C.



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**The End**

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