

Theme: Elections

October

Lesson Plans

A La Mode

A democracy is a government in which all are invited to participate. Find some articles in the newspaper which show the importance of getting involved. Summarize.



During an election season, newspaper editors will write columns telling readers what they think about a variety of election issues. What issue do you consider to be the most important one in your community? Write an editorial giving your opinion.



In the 2004 U.S. election, the candidates spent more than \$1 billion. Look through the e-edition or print newspaper for political ads. If advertising rates for the newspaper are published on the e-edition, compute the cost of the ad. Also, critique the ads and decide if it's money well spent. Where would you spend the money?



The price of oil/gas is often an election issue. What are some solutions that are being offered for the rising cost? Look through the newspaper and identify uses of oil-based products. Come up with some solutions to reduce use.

National Learning Standards:

McRel (Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning) Standards:

Language Arts

Standard 4, Level III Uses strategies to gather and record information for research topics

Math

Economic Reasoning
Level III, Benchmark 8. Understands that in a market economy the pursuit of economic self-interest directs people and businesses in most of their economic decisions

Social Studies

Civics, Level III, Benchmark 3. Understands the importance for individuals and society of commonly held civic responsibilities such as paying taxes, being informed and attentive to public issues

Science

Benchmark 5, Level IV Knows ways in which humans can alter the equilibrium of ecosystems