

## **Electing America's Leaders**

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Grade Levels : 7th-12th Credit will be offered for older students

Class Size: 22

Materials: notebook, pen, folder

Electing America's Leaders is a class for 7-12 graders which is intended to familiarize the student with the election process by assimilating as much "real life" as possible within a classroom setting. Having been the Financial Chairperson for a Cincinnati Council Campaign, and having work in other capacities of the election process, my goal is to teach students that no matter what their areas of interest, everyone can contribute to our country's political process.

Initially, I will provide an overview of our governmental structure, which will include information on the electoral process, as well as some of the philosophies of our Founding Father's. From there we will get into the "nuts and bolts" of how to run a campaign. The class will be divided into 2 teams with one "candidate" per team. I will initially survey the student's interests to help determine where they would be most comfortable and effective in the campaign team. I would also like to arrange a field trip to help on a current campaign.

My goal is that the students understand the inner workings of the campaign process, and develop an appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.