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Who’s the most powerful person in the world? A lot of people would say the president of the United States. Why? Because in many ways, the U.S. is a superpower – and the president is its leader. So, when there’s a U.S. presidential election, citizens in other countries – not just Americans – are interested in the results.

**Election Year**

Under the U.S. Constitution, presidential elections must be held every four years. A president can only serve a maximum of two four-year terms. Presidents get to choose their own vice presidents.

The next presidential election takes place on November 3. The incumbent is Republican Donald Trump, in office since January 2016. His vice president is Mike Pence. Mr. Trump is America’s 45th president – and the only one who has never held an elected office or served in the military before winning the top job.

Running against him is Joe Biden, the Democratic Party candidate. Mr. Biden served as the U.S. vice president from 2008 to 2016 under former U.S. President Barack Obama. Before becoming vice president, he was the longest-serving senator in his home state of Delaware, winning election to that position six times since 1973. Mr. Biden has selected Kamala Harris as his running mate. If he wins the election, she will become the first woman and the first Black person and the first person of Indian descent to become vice president.

**A Divisive Leader**

Many observers believe that the 2020 U.S. vote is one of the most critical elections in American history. The reason? Mr. Trump’s presidency reflects a deeply divided America.

On one side are Mr. Trump’s critics. They say he has mishandled – or even contributed to – dangerous conditions threatening the U.S. and the world. For example, many believe he failed to contain COVID-19 in the country. As evidence, they say that the U.S. has 25 percent of all pandemic-related deaths worldwide but only four percent of the globe’s population.

On the world stage, Mr. Trump pulled the U.S. out of the 2016 Paris Agreement, signed by 195 nations and designed to curb climate change. He also withdrew U.S. support for the World Health Organization (WHO), which governs global health policy.

Mr. Trump’s presidency has also sparked numerous controversies. Among the most important? Russia illegally used tactics to try to sway U.S.

**Definitions**

- **Incumbent**: a person who holds a particular office or position
- **Platform**: a political party’s statement of principles and goals
- **Progressive**: favouring progress, improvement, and reform
- **Senator**: member of the upper branch of the U.S. legislature
- **Superpower**: an extremely powerful nation capable of influencing international events
- **U.S. Constitution**: the fundamental law of the U.S.
- **Vice President**: the assistant to the president
The 2020 U.S. Election

voters in the 2016 election to help Mr. Trump become president. A two-year investigation couldn’t prove that Mr. Trump played a role in Russia’s efforts. Still, 26 Russian citizens and three Russian organizations were charged for their involvement. The investigation also led to convictions of Trump campaign officials and other Americans, on unrelated charges.

As well, President Trump was impeached after evidence suggested that he illegally tried to hold back promised military aid to Ukraine until its leader agreed to investigate Joe Biden. The Democratic-majority House of Representatives found him guilty, but the Republican-led Senate voted to acquit.

Mr. Trump’s policies, such as separating children from their migrant parents at the U.S.-Mexico border, have also drawn fire. So have his plans to continue dismantling the Affordable Care Act, designed to expand medical coverage to millions of Americans without healthcare. The president has also been criticized for his handling of unrest during Black Lives Matter protests over the summer, and for actions he has taken that have harmed ties with long-standing U.S. allies.

Mr. Trump’s base

Still, by late September, national polls showed that President Trump had the support of about 43 percent of Americans heading into the election.

His supporters argue that Mr. Trump’s “America First” policies have created 480,000 manufacturing jobs. They also claim that he renegotiated a better trade deal (known as the USMCA) for America between Canada, the U.S., and Mexico. As well, the U.S. trade deficit declined for the first time in six years in 2019. However, experts disagree on whether that has helped the economy.

Mr. Trump’s supporters also celebrated his role in helping to broker treaties over the summer between Israel and the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain that will normalize their relationships. Other Americans just like the way the president is shaking up Washington.

“We got a guy here who’s going to whoop some butt on these politicians,” said Trump supporter Shelley Taylor of Florida.

Mr. Biden’s bid

For his part, Mr. Biden says he wants to bring back civility to U.S. politics. On the policy front, he says he would provide free COVID-19 testing for all Americans, increase the minimum wage to $15 an hour, and support minority communities with broad economic and social programs.

He pledged to rejoin the Paris Agreement and says his team would spend $1.7 trillion developing green technologies. He further promised to restore America’s reputation with its allies and to increase health care coverage for those who do not have it.

As well, he plans to expand the number of tuition-free colleges and bring in universal preschool care.

A complicated election

By late September, the race was still too close to call. What was clear, however, was that the coronavirus pandemic was further disrupting an already highly-charged election.

Definitions

DEFICIT: when money spent is more than money received

IMPEACH: charge the holder of a public office with misconduct

ELECTORAL COLLEGE: the group of electors who formally elect the U.S. president and vice president

POPULAR VOTE: votes calculated across an entire region

THE U.S. ELECTORAL SYSTEM

In the U.S., voters don’t directly elect the president. Instead, the head of state is chosen by the Electoral College.

Here’s how the system works: Each of the 50 U.S. states has a number of electoral votes. The more people in a state, the more electoral votes the state gets. California, the most populated state, has 55 electoral votes. Alaska, with a much smaller population, has only three electoral votes.

Voters in each state cast a ballot for their choice of president. The candidate who wins the popular vote in each state usually wins all of that state’s electoral votes, too.

There are 538 electoral votes in total. The candidate who wins the most electoral votes – 270 or more – wins the presidency, even if he or she doesn’t win the nation-wide popular vote.

Some voters didn’t want to risk getting sick while waiting in voting lines, so many were choosing to cast their ballot by mail. However, Mr. Trump began claiming at the end of the summer – without evidence – that mail voting is not secure. He said it will encourage voter fraud, and many Americans worried that he might use this claim to dispute the election results if he doesn’t win. If that happens, the country’s top judges may have to rule on the winner.

Stay tuned. The 2020 U.S. presidential election is bound to be a nail-biter. ★
THE 2020 U.S. ELECTION

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. When will the U.S. presidential election take place?

2. Briefly describe what the Republican Party stands for. What symbols represent this party?

3. Briefly describe what the Democratic Party stands for. What symbols represent this party?

4. List the Republican and Democratic presidential and vice-presidential candidates.

5. Explain what the Electoral College is. How many votes are needed to become the president of the U.S.?

6. Describe the two main controversies that have occurred during Mr. Trump's presidency.
A. During any election, opposing candidates will have different platforms on various issues that they feel are important to voters. Using the information in the article, identify each candidate's position or campaign promises related to the issues listed below.

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B. After gathering and considering the information in the above table: Which election issue do you believe will be the most influential in determining the results of the U.S. election? Give reasons to support your response.

I believe _______________________________ is the issue that will be most influential in determining the results of the U.S. election because...
QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER THOUGHT

1. The article describes Donald Trump as a *divisive leader*. What evidence can you find in the article or from your own background knowledge to support this claim? To refute it? Overall, would you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain.

2. What reasons can you suggest to explain why Joe Biden chose Kamala Harris as his running mate? Explain.

3. The article describes the upcoming U.S. election as *complicated* and as a potential *nail-biter*. What factors might have prompted these descriptors? Explain.

4. As you see it, why should Canada be interested in the results of the U.S. election? Give reasons to support your thoughts.

5. a) For what reasons might you support Donald Trump if you could vote in the upcoming U.S. presidential election? For what reasons might you support Joe Biden?

   b) Make a prediction: Who do you suppose will win the 2020 U.S. presidential election? Give reasons to support your response.
1. Watch 'How is power divided in the United States government?' at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuFR5XYl1U&t=82s [3:09] and sketch, on a separate piece of paper, a concept map or diagram to show the structure of the U.S. government. Then, explain: As you see it, how does this structure present a system of 'checks and balances' so no one branch of the government has more power than another?


3. View a campaign ad for each of the two main parties at the links below.


   a) How are these ads alike?

   b) How are they different?

   c) Is the information credible? How do you know? What questions might you ask or what other sites could you visit to be sure?

4. The article states: The candidate who wins the most electoral votes wins the presidency, even if he or she doesn't win the popular vote across the country. View a map comparing the electoral and the popular vote results of the 2016 U.S. election at this link: https://www.nytimes.com/elections/2016/results/president

   a) How do the total numbers of popular votes compare to electoral votes?

   b) What is your understanding of this graphic? Explain.
The president is elected every four years and can serve for only two terms. According to the Constitution, the president must be a native-born citizen of at least 35 years of age and a resident for at least 14 years.

1 Nomination: Candidates campaign in primaries and caucuses to win their party’s appointment at National Conventions.

2 Aug, National Conventions: President Donald Trump (right) and Vice President Mike Pence (inset right) backed for second term. Former Vice President Joe Biden (left) selected as Democratic nominee with Kamala Harris (inset left) as his running mate.

3 Sep 29: Trump and Biden go head-to-head in first of three live TV debates – among top political events of campaign.


5 Nov 3, Election Day: Voters cast single vote for preferred candidates for President and Vice President. When they do so, they are actually voting for electors – members of Electoral College – committed to support those candidates.

6 Dec 14, Electoral College: 538 electors, equal to total membership of Congress – 435 Representatives and 100 Senators, plus three electors from DC – meet in their respective states. Each elector casts one ballot for President and one for Vice President. Electors sign Certificates of the Vote.

7 Dec 23: Certificates of the Vote are sent to Congress.

8 Jan 6, 2021: Congress meets in joint session to count electoral votes – candidate with 270 votes wins. If no candidate wins 270 majority, House of Representatives elects President by majority vote. Senate elects Vice President.

9 Jan 20: President-elect takes Oath of Office and becomes President of the United States.

Sources: USA.gov, Congressional Research Service. Pictures: Associated Press. © GRAPHIC NEWS.
President Trump is trailing Democratic rival, Joe Biden, by six points in national polls. However, in many battleground states, he is polling within a plus-or-minus three-point margin of error.

In 48 states and Washington DC, winner of popular vote receives all of that state’s electors.† Maine and Nebraska split electoral votes.
What is the purpose of this infographic? Who is the intended audience?

What information is new or interesting? What features are used to clarify the message?

What information is significant or important? How does the information presented enhance your understanding?

What questions do you still have about the topic presented?
Examine the accompanying U.S. map. Then, answer the following questions.

A. Reading the map:
1. What is the title of this map?

2. What is the purpose of this map?

3. Which state has the most Electoral College votes? Search online to find out the population of this state.

4. Search online to find the state with the least Electoral College votes and the population of this state.

5. Which states are missing from this map? Search online to find out how many Electoral College votes these states have, and what their populations are.

6. Many states have well-established historical voting patterns. For example, California’s Electoral College votes always go to the Democratic candidate; Texas always chooses the Republican candidate. Swing states or battleground states sometimes vote Democratic and sometimes vote Republican – they can ‘swing’ either way. The states widely considered to be swing states include Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin. In the 2020 election, some analysts say that Arizona, Georgia, Iowa, Maine and Michigan may also be considered battleground states.

According to the map, identify the three 'swing states' with the most Electoral College votes.

B. Analyzing the map:
1. What do you notice about the distribution of the Electoral College votes?

2. Based on the information in this map, if you were in charge of the Republican or Democratic presidential campaign, which states would you focus on? Which areas would you pay less attention to? Why? Explain.

3. What other titles can you suggest for this map?
Electoral College Votes by State

- **KEY**
  - **20 or more Electoral College votes**
  - **11 - 19 Electoral College votes**
  - **10 or less Electoral College votes**

- **Electoral College Votes**
  - **CA** 55
  - **NY** 29
  - **TX** 38
  - **FL** 29
  - **VA** 13
  - **GA** 16
  - **MD** 11
  - **WA** 12
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- **Electoral College Map**
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    - **20 or more Electoral College votes**
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- **Geographical Features**
  - **Canada**
  - **Mexico**
  - **The Bahamas**
  - **Cuba**
  - **The Great Lakes**
  - **Atlantic Ocean**
  - **Gulf of Mexico**
  - **Pacific Ocean**

- ** Electoral College Votes by Region**
  - **East Coast**
    - **NY**: 29
    - **MD**: 11
    - **VA**: 13
    - **GA**: 16
    - **FL**: 29
  - **Midwest**
    - **IL**: 20
    - **KS**: 11
    - **NE**: 11
    - **IN**: 11
    - **OH**: 18
  - **Southwest**
    - **TX**: 38
    - **AZ**: 11
  - **West Coast**
    - **CA**: 55
    - **WA**: 12

- **Scale**
  - **0 150 300 450 600 Kilometres**
Map Assignment - U.S. Election

Complete this map assignment to better understand the article *The 2020 U.S. Election.*

**Instructions**

1. Obtain the required resources and read all the instructions before starting.
2. Colour your map **after** all labelling is completed.
3. Print in pencil only first, then go over the printing in black ink.
4. Work carefully and neatly.

**Resources Required:** pencil, black pen, pencil crayons, ruler, eraser and an atlas.

**Part A**  Locate and label the capital of the United States and underline.

**Part B**  Consult a source that shows the current U.S. Electoral College votes for each state.

See for example:  

**Part C**  Consult a source that shows the official abbreviation for each state.

See for example:  
https://abbreviations.yourdictionary.com/articles/state-abbrev.html

**Part D**  Locate and label the six U.S. states that have 20 or more Electoral College votes using the official state abbreviations (e.g. NY in place of New York). Colour these six states red and indicate the number of Electoral College votes for each state.

**Part E**  Locate and label the 11 U.S. states that have 11 or more Electoral College votes using the official state abbreviations. Colour these states orange and indicate the number of Electoral College votes for each state.

**Part F**  Colour the remaining 31 U.S. states that have 10 or less Electoral College votes yellow*.

**Part G**  Locate and label the following countries in CAPITAL letters and shade each as indicated:

Canada (green)  
Mexico (purple)  
Cuba (brown)  
The Bahamas (pink)

**Part H**  Locate and label the following and shade all salt water dark blue:

Pacific Ocean  
Atlantic Ocean  
Gulf of Mexico

**Part I**  Locate and label the Great Lakes and shade them light blue.

**Part J**  Complete your map with a frame, title and compass bearing. ★

*NB: The map does not include Alaska (3 Electoral College votes) and Hawaii (4 Electoral College votes).
PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

A. Write the letter that corresponds to the best answer on the line beside each question:

_____ 1. What is the maximum number of years a president can serve according to the U.S. Constitution?
   a) four  b) forty-five  c) six  d) eight  e) sixteen

_____ 2. Which of the following is supported by Donald Trump's campaign?
   a) Affordable Care Act  b) in-person voting  c) World Health Organization  d) Paris Agreement  e) more immigration from Mexico

_____ 3. Which of the following is NOT part of Joe Biden's campaign platform?
   a) $1.7 trillion to create manufacturing jobs  b) increase the minimum wage to $15/hr  c) universal preschool care  d) restore the U.S.'s reputation with trusted allies  e) free COVID-19 testing for all Americans

B. Mark the statements T (True) or F (False). If a statement is True, write one important fact to support it on the line below. If a statement is False, write the words that make it true on the line below.

_____ 4. True or False? Supporters of Mr. Trump are pleased with how he has handled U.S. trade during his presidency.

_____ 5. True or False? Mr. Biden served two terms as vice-president under former U.S. President Barack Obama.

_____ 6. True or False? The U.S. has 25 percent of both the world's population and of COVID-19 deaths worldwide.

C. Fill in the blanks to complete each sentence.

7. Donald Trump is the only U.S. president who has never held elected office or served in the ______________________ before becoming leader of the country.

8. Joe Biden was elected to the position of _______________________ in his home state of Delaware six times since 1973.

9. A candidate needs 270 or more _____________________ _____________________ votes to become U.S. president. (2)

D. Respond to the following question in paragraph form. (Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)

10. If you could vote in the 2020 U.S. presidential election, which candidate would you support? Give reasons to support your response.
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