



MARKING THE WINNERS

(5-10 minutes)

OBJECTIVE

Students monitor the returns to stay politically active.

MATERIALS

Kids Voting Ballot

GET READY

- ✓ Prepare monitoring ballots by writing the following on a sample *Kids Voting Ballot*:
Place a check by the candidate or issue that is ahead at your bedtime. Circle the candidate or issue that has won or is ahead just before you leave for school.
- ✓ Make a copy of the monitoring ballot for each student.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Read the instructions you wrote on the ballot to the students.
- ✓ Instruct the students to take their monitoring ballots home and watch the returns on TV.
- ✓ Ask them to bring their ballots back the next day.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For election day:

- ★ *Which candidates/issues do you think will win?*
- ★ *How might you feel if a person you voted for does not win?*
- ★ *What can you do if a person you voted for does not win?*

For the day after elections:

- ★ *Who won? Who is the leader of our (country, state, city, school board, etc.)?*
- ★ *Why do you think they won?*
- ★ *How can we support our leaders?*
- ★ *Do you have any sad or happy feelings?*
- ★ *Did the people at your house talk about the elections? Would you like to share what they said?*
- ★ *Now that we have voted, how else can we help our country?*

MORE!

As a class, write a letter of congratulations to a winning candidate or a letter of consolation to a losing candidate. Let all the students sign their names. Send it by e-mail if possible.