



PENCIL FLAGS

(20-30 minutes)

OBJECTIVE

Students advocate voting.

MATERIALS

Pencil Flag Format handout; old newspapers and magazines (optional); scissors, tape, and glue

GET READY

- ✓ Copy and cut a *Pencil Flag Format* for each student.
- ✓ Gather old newspapers and magazines (optional).
- ✓ Gather scissors, tape, and glue.
- ✓ Write the word *VOTE* on the board.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Tell your students that they can help our country by reminding others to vote. Explain that this project will help them remind others.
- ✓ Instruct your students to find and cut the letters *V*, *O*, *T*, and *E* from magazines and newspapers (or use the letters on the format).
- ✓ Help them paste the letters on the flag format. They can then add designs and color.
- ✓ Help them tape/fasten the flags to their pencils.
- ✓ Have your students use the flags at school for a few days, then tell them to take them home to remind adults to vote. They could stick the pencil flags in a plant or flower arrangement (with permission) or just use them as pencils.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ *When is election day?*
- ★ *What word is on your flag?*
- ★ *Why should we vote?*
- ★ *Who can you remind to vote with your pencil flag?*
- ★ *Who can you remind to take you to vote?*

MORE!

As a grade level or whole school project, have classes make flags large enough to be read from the street and hang them in front of the school to remind the community to vote.



PENCIL FLAG FORMAT

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				T	E
			☆	=====	☆
				V	O
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			☆	=====	☆
				V	O
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