



MEET THE CANDIDATES

(30-40 minutes over two days)

OBJECTIVE

Students put together a page consisting of pictures and promises made by the candidates running for office.

MATERIALS

Meet the Candidates handout; scissors, glue

GET READY

- ✓ Break your students up into pairs.
- ✓ Duplicate one copy of the *Meet the Candidates* handout for each pair of students.
- ✓ Collect, or have your students collect, local campaign literature and several recent issues of the local newspapers.
- ✓ Prepare scissors and glue for each pair of classmates.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Tell the pairs to look for a photograph of each candidate in an election and to also look for articles about the candidates' campaigns.
- ✓ Ask your students to watch the news and to listen for promises made to the voters by the candidates. Give an example: John Jones says that he will bring new businesses to our town.
- ✓ Give students time to work on the *Meet the Candidates* handout the next day and possibly at home. (Students could alternatively work on this project in small groups.)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ *What promises have been made by the candidates? (Continue until you have reviewed all the candidates.)*
- ★ *Which promises seem most important to you? How do campaign promises help you decide how to vote?*
- ★ *Is there one candidate whose picture appears more often than the others? Do you think he/she is winning right now?*
- ★ *What can we do if politicians do not keep their campaign promises?*

MORE!

Continue to collect campaign pictures and put them up on a bulletin board with the *Meet the Candidates* papers.

Bring up the concept of promises in other contexts: books the students read, classroom rules, etc.



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Candidate Name

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Picture of Candidate

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