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October 10 - President's research

Here is your assignment for today:

The goal today is to look at how how the candidates stand on the issues that are important to you.

1. Get your research sheet from Mrs. Jewell. This is the sheet where you chose the 6 most important issues in the presidential election for you.
2. Get an [election issues sheet](#) (S3) from Mrs. Jewell.
3. In the middle column of the election issues sheet, put the six issues that were most important to you from the sheet in step 1. Put 1 issue in each box.
4. Use the links below to find out what the candidates think about those issues. Write a bulleted summary in the boxes to the far right and left of the issue. Try to look at a few sites for each view.
 - http://www.nationalplatforms.com/candidates/barack_obama.html - Where Barack Obama sees himself on the issues.
 - http://www.nationalplatforms.com/candidates/john_mccain.html - Where John McCain sees himself on the issues.
 - <http://elections.nytimes.com/2008/president/issues/abortion.html> - Use the list of issues on the left hand side - short explanations of their views.
 - <http://www.2decide.com/table.htm> - This is a list of how they feel on certain issues - not really much explanation.
 - <http://2008election.procon.org/> - Quotes from the candidates - don't use this as your first source.
5. Think about the views of the 2 candidates and check the box for the candidate who you agree the most with for each issue.
6. When all 6 issues have been examined please write down any positives and negatives you have found out about the 2 candidates. Continue to do this during the remaining steps.
7. Go to <http://www.usatoday.com/news/politics/election2008/candidate-match-game.htm> and do the Candidates Match Game to see which candidate you best match up with according to this site.
8. Go to <http://www.selectsmart.com/president/2008.html> and do the 2008 SelectSmart.com Presidential Candidate Selector to help you decide which candidate is the best for you. **You will have to close out several ads before you get your results.**
9. Explore the Scholastic site <http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/election2008.htm>. Complete any of the activities or read about the election.

10. Please turn in your sheet back to Mrs. Jewell.
I do not need your rankings sheet from class last week.

