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Barack Obama's Official Website

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[The Official Website of John McCain's 2008 Campaign for President.](#)

The Democratic Party

[Offers daily news updates, policy analysis, links, email updates and opportunities to participate in the political process. #](#)

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[Official website of the Republican National Committee. #](#)

2008 Electopedia

["A guide to \(almost\) everything there is to know about presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama, from the important issues \(Best Speech\) to the really important issues \(Hairstyle\)." News and opinion on topics such as "most embarrassing gaffe," "most amusing YouTube video," and pets. From New York Magazine. ^](#)

270 to Win

[The electoral college is one of the most fascinating, and yet confusing, aspects of any presidential election. Many students assume the candidate with the most popular votes becomes president, but as we saw with the 2000 election, this is not always the case. The focal point here is an interactive map predicting the current election's outcome based on polling data. You can then modify the map by changing the winner of any state and see the impact on running totals at the bottom of the map. You could also create an electoral college map from scratch based on their own selections. *](#)

Absentee and Early Voting Laws

[Get absentee ballot or early voting information from all U.S. states. Also, absentee and early voting requirements. Organized into grids and quick fact summaries. ^](#)

Budget Hero

[This engaging and journalistically sound game encourages players to think through the complexities and challenges of the federal budget and the major policy issues of the 2008 election. Can you be a Budget Hero by staying true to their values while creating a sustainable government? *](#)

The Choice 2008

[Companion website for this PBS Frontline program that examines "the rich personal and political biographies" of John McCain and Barack Obama. Watch the full program, view slide shows for each candidate, and read interviews with journalists, advisors and aides, and friends of the candidates. Also includes a producer Q&A, classroom guide, readings and links, discussion, and more. ^](#)

CNN Student News

[News about the candidates leading up to the election changes fast. Students need concise information presented in a format that also explains the basic elements of the process. CNN Student News, a 10-minute news program, fills the bill with content created specifically for kids and updated every day throughout the academic year. The free video can be viewed on the Web page or you can subscribe via the CNN Student News podcast. *](#)

Daryl Cagle's Professional Cartoonists Index

[Daryl Cagle's Professional Cartoonists Index is an excellent resource for sparking a discussion of current events. The comprehensive set of editorial cartoons is updated daily and is easily searchable by topic. With permission of the site, teachers are free to use these cartoons for classroom instruction. *](#)

Declare Yourself

[Created to encourage 18-year-old voter registration, this nonpartisan site includes links to current election resources, voting FAQs, and strategies for encouraging others to register, along with a collection of persuasive \(and often funny\) celebrity videos promoting youth participation. *](#)

The Democracy Project

[Interactive features incorporate your own interests and issues as you learn about democracy in a virtual voting booth; investigate the functions of government by clicking civic buildings; and explore trivia, photos and facts while acting as "President for a Day." *](#)

EASE History - US presidential campaign ads

[There are almost 200 US presidential campaign ads from the 1952 to 2004 elections in EASE History. Presidential campaign ads are used as entry points to learn about campaign issues and their historical context, presidential leadership attributes, US culture, and media literacy. Use the three learning modes and main menu theme searches to compare and contrast issues and strategies across 14 elections. Resources available through campaigns ads include: text descriptions, analysis, learning sequences, US election maps, external links, candidate profiles, election issues, and election polls. Related events and ads are also available through each ad. #](#)

Election Connection 2008

This guide to the current election provides basic information in an easy-to-navigate format. Brief candidate biographies, neatly supplemented by a general comparison of their positions on major issues, make a good starting point for students. *

eLECTIONS

Free 3-D multimedia online game in which you make tough decisions in your run for the White House. Players study the issues, then create their platform, taking turns in analyzing polling data, fund-raising, and planning their campaign, with high quality videos from CNN, C-SPAN and the cable station partners providing further insight. *

FactCheck.org

Monitors the factual accuracy of what is said by major US political players in the form of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews, and news releases. #

Federal Election Commission

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) is an independent regulatory agency established in 1975 to administer and enforce the Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA). That statute limits the sources and amounts of the contributions used to finance federal elections, requires public disclosure of campaign finance information and--in tandem with the Primary Matching Payment Act and the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act--provides for the public funding of Presidential elections. #

Google Elections Video Search

In this contentious U.S. election year, what information could be more significant than presidential candidates' own words to describe their views, actions and platforms? And what better way to encourage discussion, reflection and debate inside the classroom? Google Elections Video Search allows you and your students to directly query YouTube political videos for their spoken content. Using speech-to-text technology, videos from political channels are automatically transcribed and indexed. Simply enter a search term to find relevant videos and jump immediately to where your term was mentioned. #

Living Room Candidate

It wouldn't be a modern presidential race without an avalanche of political ads on television. This site, created by the Museum of the Moving Image, features a collection of TV campaign ads from 1952 to 2004. Clips are searchable by year, type of commercial, and political issue. You can view the entire commercial directly on the Web page or read the written transcript. Background is provided on each ad, along with links to other spots related by subject, year, or candidate. A special section devoted to the "Desktop Candidate" describes the emerging role of the Internet starting with the 2004 election. *

On the Issues

Our mission is to provide non-partisan information for voters in the Presidential election, so that votes can be based on issues rather than on personalities and popularity. We get our information daily from newspapers, speeches, press releases, and the Internet -- it is a labor-intensive process that requires countless volunteer hours. #

The Presidential Debates

News and analysis about the September and October 2008 presidential and vice presidential debates. Includes full video of the debates (where you can jump ahead to a particular topic using a timeline and find key words or phrases on the timeline), video and transcripts of Democrat and Republican debates, and video highlights of past presidential debates. From MSNBC. ^

Procon.org Election 2008

ProCon.org is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit public charity that has no government affiliations of any kind. Its purpose is educational. It does not express opinions on research projects. The goal is to provide a fairly and reasonably crafted pro-con presentation to help people make better decisions. Their goal is to research issues that they feel are complicated and important and work to present them in a balanced, comprehensive, straightforward, and primarily pro-con format for free and without advertising on the internet. Includes a great database of candidate speeches from the 2008 election campaign trail.

Project Vote Smart

An innovative non-partisan "voter's self-defense system," this organization collects data about candidates and office holders in areas such as voting records, interest group ratings, public statements, and campaign financing. The information is gathered and updated by team of thousands of mostly volunteer researchers. *

Scholastic News Online: Election 2008

Scholastic's Kid Press Corps covers the presidential primaries, interviews with the candidates and their families and discussion of the issues.

Select A Candidate

This Web site from American Public Media asks users to answer some basic questions on key issues using actual quotes from the candidates without connecting the quote to the candidate. A subsequent report matches your answers with the candidate that best fits your views. The results are often shocking and lead to some intriguing discussions. *

Time for Kids Election Connection 2008

Take a quiz to discover your presidential potential, discover what a "superdelegate" is in the Electionary, check out the latest election news and more at this fact-filled resource.

USA Today Political News

USA Today's politics page focuses on the 2008 Presidential Election and has several nifty features such as the Electoral Vote, Campaign Finance, Campaign Ad and Presidential Poll Trackers, as well as a Candidate Matcher and debate assessment.

Descriptions:

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