2004 Election Resources
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Project Vote Smart
www.vote-smart.org

This site provides candidate information in five basic categories: biographical information, issue positions, voting records, campaign finances, and interest group ratings, allowing users to search for candidate information via any of these categories. Besides including presidential candidate information, this site also includes a feature called My State, in which users can find state candidates’ issue positions and contact information, links to state government resources, and voter registration information for each state. The Political Resource section may be most applicable to young voters as it provides a comprehensive government tutorial, as well as links to political science trivia, political news sites, and numerous other links. For teachers, Vote Smart Classroom provides instruction suggestions and lesson plans.

One Vote: 2004
www.channelone.com/election_2004/

Sponsored by the popular student network, Channel One, this site contains interactive quizzes and polls asking such questions as Which political party do you identify with?, and Are you presidential material? Sections, such as Presidential Profiles, the Big Issues Chart, and Fact Files also provide quick and easy access to basic election and voting facts.

Kids Voting USA
www.kidsvotingusa.org

This site contains two resources for teachers, lesson plans from Civics Alive! and Destination Democracy. Both programs contain various activities and lessons designed to work as supplements to traditional Social Studies curriculums. While some activities can only be accessed if one’s school is a KVUSA affiliate, there are sample activities in the Civics Alive! program. Also, the full version of Destination Democracy is accessible.

National Student/Parent Mock Election
www.nationalmockelection.org/curriculum.html

This website provides a way for educators, students, and parents to get involved in the national mock election on voting day. If one is not planning to get involved, however, this website also includes a curriculum section, providing free civics lesson plans for K-4, elementary-middle, middle-secondary, and secondary teachers.
PBS By the People: Election 2004
www.pbs.org/elections/
For kids, this site offers a just for kids section, complete with interactives to *Be President for a day*, and *Find out how government affects me*, as well as an online voting machine. For teachers, this site contains over 30 lesson plans for elementary and secondary students. The *By the People* section also includes the Project-Vote Smart candidate database, an election calendar, election glossary, and a web round-up. Finally the *Savvy Voter* section provides tutorials in interpreting ads, debates, and polls, as well as evaluating platforms and viewing political news critically.

FEC: How the Electoral College Works
www.fec.gov/pages/ecworks.htm
This Federal Election Commission page provides a description of the workings of the Electoral College.

The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer: Issues Quiz
www.votebyissue.org/primary/
This quiz provided by Lehrer’s site allows users to take a stance on 14 different issues, including the economy, terrorism, Iraq, and social security. Users will be matched with the presidential candidate who most aligns with their responses. Users can also view candidates’ issue positions without taking the quiz.

MSN Kidz Election Webquarters
special.msn.com/weeklyreader/
MSN and Weekly Reader offer election videos, activities, polls, and articles to children in grades K-2, 3-4, and 5plus. Students just have to click on an age category to find appropriate activities. Teachers and parents can also find similar activities, as well as civics teaching instructions, in their appropriate categories.

Project Vote: Election 2004
projectvote.org/?114
While providing links to candidates, national and state issues, and voter registration information, this site also contains lesson plans for the *Half a Democracy* curriculum. Aimed at secondary school students, these lesson plans attempt to answer and explain why only half of the American population votes. After completing a brief registration page, teachers may download this curriculum.
Slate: Campaign 2004 Field Guide
slate.msn.com/id/2085967/

Whack-a-Pol
slate.msn.com/id/2090855/
The Whack-a-Pol site offers a fun and simple way to choose a presidential candidate, prompting users to choose issues which are important to them and then eliminate candidates who they disagree with. The campaign field guide offers more detailed explanations of the candidates’ issue positions.

New Millennium Young Voters Project
www.stateofthevote.org
Providing the who, what, where, why, and how of the 2004 election, this site contains the results of the New Millennium Survey, candidate information, election FAQs, and voter registration information. Whether of voting age or not, users are also encouraged to take action, and this site provides ways to become an election worker (can be under eighteen), contact state and national election offices, and get involved in other voting organizations.

Take Your Kids to Vote
www.takeyourkidstovote.org
This site contains resources for kids and parents to become informed and involved in the 2004 election, encouraging visitors of all ages to think and talk about the issues, organize their communities, and go to the polls on Election Day, even if not of voting age.

Current Electoral Vote Predictor 2004
www.electoral-vote.com
This site offers a daily electoral vote prediction according to state-by-state polls. Besides showing a U.S. map of strong, weak, or barely-supporting states for each candidate, as well as tied states, this site also contains state poll graphs and tables, a description of the Electoral College system, and links to political humor and websites.

Constitutional Rights Foundation: Election Central
www.crf-usa.org/election_central/election_central.htm
For young people, this page contains a political party tutorial which culminates in an activity in which students are prompted to create their own party platform. This page also provides lessons
and activities for teachers. Some lessons and activities outline the historical background of the election process, while others describe contemporary election and voting issues.

**US-Election.org**
[www.us-election.com](http://www.us-election.com)

Sponsoring a mock world election, this page allows non-U.S. citizens to cast their ballot and view updated mock election results by world regions. While underage users cannot technically register for the election, they can still view the election results, search the candidate database, and access the research and issue links.


NYTimes.com, along with its partner, Public Agenda, sponsors this site which contains a number of lesson plans organized by 2004 election issues, including such topics as taxes and the deficit, the environment, jobs and the economy, terrorism and education. Other lesson plan collections include *Elections in the United States* and *American Government*. Users can also listen to audio, view photographs, and read articles from NYTimes.com features, such as *Times on the Trail* and *Campaign 2004*. Finally, the site’s *Politics Navigator* provides links to government resources, candidate information, public opinion sources, and political media and commentary.

**Democracy Net**
[www.congress.org/congressorg/e4/](http://www.congress.org/congressorg/e4/)

Supported by the League of Women Voters and Grassroots.com, this page’s main feature is a *My State* search engine in which voters can enter their zip code in order to find information about presidential, congressional, and state races. The search engine also directs users to voter information and voter registration details for each state. Besides this interactive feature, this site also includes election and candidate spotlights.

**Ben’s Guide to the U.S. Government for Kids**
[bensguide.gpo.gov](http://bensguide.gpo.gov)

This site provides activities for kids in grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8, as well as activities and instructions for parents and teachers. Interactive features, such as *My Neighborhood and Beyond, Our Nation, Citizenship*, and *The Branches of Government* provide civics information and tutorials on community, state, and national levels. The *Parents and Teachers* section contains links to civics curriculum materials on government websites.
Cyber Bee: Election Lessons 2004  
www.cyberbee.com/election/election.html

A wealth of resources for teachers, Cyber Bee’s election page contains lesson plans and related sources and links to teach students about the election process, candidates, campaign advertising, 2004 election issues, and even historical style and the history of campaign buttons.

Dirksen Congressional Center  
www.congressforkids.net/Elections_index.htm

The Dirksen Center provides a tutorial on the election process, allowing students to read and click on each step in the process and then “show what they know” by answering questions about each step. The Tour of the Federal Government contains a historical background of the election process, as well as descriptions of the responsibilities of each government branch.

Scholastic Teacher Resources for the 2004 Election  
teacher.scholastic.com/activities/election2004/

This site contains features such as How to run for President, Kids Cover the Primaries and Conventions, Countdown to Election Day, and Life as President. By clicking on the Teacher’s Guide link, instructors can find lesson plans and activities for grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8.

White House Kids  
www.whitehouse.gov

Serving as an introduction to the position of the Head of State, this site provides biographical information about past presidents and U.S. leaders. President Bush is spotlighted, as well as his Vice-President and the Bush family. A section for parents and teachers provides instructions for employing the site’s activities in the home or classroom.

Public Agenda: First Choice 2004  
www.publicagenda.org/firstchoice2004/

Providing issue guides for twenty different issues concerning the 2004 election, this site sponsored by Public Agenda encourages users to examine the election by the issues rather than just simply the candidates. Of course, it is important to know where candidates stand on all these issues in order to make an informed choice, and voters can test their knowledge on an issue and establish priorities by issue and within issues in order to find the candidate who most aligns with their views. The comprehensive issue guides provide an overview of the issue, a fact file, discussion guides, and sources and resources.
Youth Leadership Initiative
www.youthleadership.net

After a brief and free registration period, teachers can use this website to access lesson plans, register their students for the Initiative’s internet mock election and e-Congress simulation, and request the program’s *A More Perfect Union* CD-ROM. Open from Monday, October 18th to Thursday, October 28th, the internet mock election is the largest secure online mock election in the nation. The e-Congress simulation teaches students how a bill becomes a law and then prompts them to use this information as they create and pass original legislation in the simulated Student Congress. The lesson plans and the free CD-ROM provide background information for both of these activities.

Delaware Department of Elections
www.state.de.us/doe_ncc/Use_VM/

This page has three types of presentations about how to use Delaware’s electronic voting machine. There is a poster, a video demonstration in three formats and a PowerPoint presentation in two formats. You can also find out where you are eligible to vote at elba2.state.de.us.