

Learning Activity Template

Title: Signs and Symbols of American Politics

Curriculum: Social Studies

Grade-Level Span: K-12

PURPOSE:

To show the historical connections between political practices and election terms of the past and the present.

DESCRIPTION:

Many of the words of our political vernacular have historical roots from the Jacksonian era and other periods of American history. Words such as stump, platform, campaign, and etc. have been in use for many years. We are using a power point presentation to demonstrate the origin and use of these words over time and today.

ACTIVITIES	CURRICULUM STANDARDS	NETS PERFORMANCE INDICATORS
Key symbols and songs of the political process	Civics and Citizenship VII B	
Understand role and influence of political processes and organizations	Civics and Citizenship VII D	

TOOLS AND RESOURCES:

(List all Web sites, specific software and hardware, and other needs.)

www.rism.org/4324/glossary.htm A glossary of election terms

ASSESSMENT:

(How will you assess the students' learning? If you have a rubric, record it here. Be as specific as possible.)

Student presentations, role playing, multiple choice testing

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COMMENTS:

I have taught this lesson before, but not with powerpoint. The visual makes the lesson more entertaining and therefore more interesting for the students.