

Election Portfolio 2012

Purpose:

The purpose of this portfolio is to examine and analyze the election process using a variety of instructional activities.

THIS PORTFOLIO MUST BE IN "**EVERNOTE**" AND HAVE IT'S OWN NOTEBOOK TITLED "**ELECTION PORTFOLIO**".

REQUIRED COMPONENTS:

1. Political Ideologies Survey

- Include "Are you Conservative or Liberal? Assignment. Answer all of the questions on the surveys.
- Complete & include at least one survey that conveys your political ideology.
- Complete & include a reflection paper stating the following:
 - Write down your survey typology. Did your results surprise you or did you expect your results? Does your typology accurately reflect your views of government? Why or Why not?

2. Complete a map of Electoral College Votes.

- Map of projected "republican", "democratic", and battleground states.
- Map of states and their electoral votes, write down the ones that have the biggest impact with their electoral votes and then write out one possible scenario for each side to win the election.
- Use 270towin.com as a resource.

3. Complete tour of both presidential candidates' home pages.

- See student handout, "A Tour of the Candidate's Home Page"
- Answer the questions in complete sentences.

4. Collect five newspaper or magazine articles about the election.

- Each article must be formatted neatly on a piece of paper.
- The article should be cited and a summary and reaction to the article must be provided (Your summary must also give a detailed account of the central idea of the article and provide details.)
- Your summary must include an explanation as to how the article relates to the 2012 election and the impact the article will have/has had on the voters.

5. Nomination Speech Reflection Worksheets for BOTH candidates.

- You need to watch the nomination speech from the Democratic National Convention.
- You need to watch the nomination speech from the Republican National Convention.
- Reflection worksheets should be completed and submitted with portfolio.

6. Watch and respond to ONE presidential debate in October.

- There are three debates scheduled before the election, you must watch one.
- Refer to "How to Watch a Presidential Debate" handout.

OPTIONAL COMPONENTS (*Choose ONE, ONE is required, you get the option of what you do*)

** You may choose up to TWO additional components that will count as extra credit **

1. Create a scrapbook of political cartoons about the elections.

- Requirements for this optional component:
 - You must compile a total of FIVE cartoons.
 - Cartoons may be your own work, collected from newspapers, magazines, the Internet or a combination of all three.
 - Place each cartoon into a “New Note” on Evernote and then analyze each one.
 - All cartoons must deal with the 2012 election.
 - Complete “Analysis Worksheet” for each political cartoon. In your analysis tell me what you think the cartoon is stating (what is the artist trying to say), what position is the artist taking, and what impact do you think the cartoon will have. Analysis should be a minimum of 12 sentences.

2. Create a media event for your candidate of your choice.

- Requirements for this optional component:
 - Your media event can be a commercial, photo-op, printed ad, or radio interview.
 - A clear and specific message is delivered.
 - Campaign issues are included in the format.
 - The presentation is creative.
 - The media format is submitted in a neat and final form.

3. Conduct an interview with a political official [local or state official works].

- Requirements for this optional component:
 - Design and ask interview questions to a local, state or national politician or a campaign employee. [sample questions will be available if you need them]
 - You may choose the politicians you choose to interview.
 - Questions and answers must be typed.
 - Interview should have at least EIGHT questions.

4. Campaign Volunteering. (COUNTS FOR 2)

- Requirements for this optional component:
 - Works 5 hours on the political campaign of a candidate for national, state, or local office of your choice.
 - Completion and documentation must include date(s) worked, number of hours worked, and duties performed.
 - Completion of a one page reflective essay that includes what you learned, what you still want to learn, and whether you would perform these hours again if given the opportunity.