



Behind the Ballot



Badge Overview

Learn about the importance of voting and find out about the electoral process in the United States and around the world. When you've earned this badge, you'll know the importance of voting and how people get elected to office.

Badge Components

1. Find out more about elections

The United States election system is unlike any other in the world. It was created during the initial writing of our Constitution and even though there have been a few amendments to the voting process, it largely is just as it was when our nation was founded.

- Watch this [video](#) about the U.S. election system and then write down 3 things that you learned!

2. Investigate the ins and outs of voting

In the United States, we use a system called the Electoral College for Presidential elections.

- Watch this [video](#) for a quick explanation of the Electoral College and how it works.
- After you watch the video, research Florida's role in the Electoral College.
 - How many electoral votes does Florida have?
 - What has Florida's role been in previous elections?

3. Get out the vote

Now that you've learned about the process of voting, let's spread the word about why it's so important to make your vote count!

- Make your own poster on the website [Canva](#) encouraging those who are able to vote to register and make their voice heard in this year's election.

4. Plan a campaign

Think of a topic that you're passionate about and then write a speech that you'd give to a crowd about the need to support your topic.

- What are some critical points to include in your speech to persuade people?
- What are some characteristics of a speech that make it a good one?

5. Explore voting in other countries

Find a current example of a woman in power in a different country around the world. Then, research the country's election process, and any progress that has been made under her leadership.

- What are some of her qualities that make her a good leader?

Materials

- Access to internet
- Something to write with
- Something to write on

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