



## LESSON 4: ELECTION DAY

On the Tuesday in November that falls between November 2 and November 8, control of the presidential election finally passes into the hands of the American voter – where it belongs. Join with others in your community in helping to make this decision. It comes down to this: the voters’ decision about which of the candidates they feel is most qualified to lead the nation.

One way states help boost voter turnout, is by allowing voters to vote as much as a month early, by mail or in person.

### Some basic things you can do:

1. Vote and encourage others to vote (and if it’s hard to get to the polls on Election Day, remember that absentee ballots are generally easy to cast).
2. Find out about the candidates and their positions: read the papers, check the websites; visit [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org)
3. Decide what you’re looking for in a candidate.
4. Evaluate the candidates’ stands on the issues important to you.
5. Learn about the candidates’ leadership abilities.
6. “Talk” about the candidates and issues with friends, relatives, and coworkers, whether that means e-mailing, instant-messaging, blogging, or even having face-to-face conversations.
7. Make sure you have the correct ID required in your state (many states have been changing their laws on this).
8. Make sure you know where to vote. The vast majority of calls received on Election Day hotlines are from voters asking about their polling place. The League of Women Voters’ site – [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org) – provides this information.
9. Tweet any problems you are seeing to [#votingproblems](https://twitter.com/votingproblems)

## ACTIVITY

### POLLS:

During the Election campaign collect polls from newspaper and online sources. Create a graph and update it weekly showing the most recent polling information. Based on the graph, has the advantage shifted between the candidates? Who appears more likely to win? After the election, based on the final results, determine if the polls were accurate.

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