

PROMISES, PROMISES

OBJECTIVE

Students track the candidates' promises to involve themselves in the ongoing political process.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ★ Instruct your students to find the winning candidates' promises by examining newspapers and news magazines and by watching TV.

- ★ Have your students make a chart with 4 columns:
 - Candidate
 - Promises
 - Documentation (video clip, news article, webpage)
 - Student prediction (will this candidate keep the promise?)

- ★ In March, April, or May, place check marks in the last column if the promises were kept. (Remember, some promises will take much longer to fulfill.)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ Have the winning candidates kept all their promises?
- ★ How can we keep track of officials and their promises?
- ★ Do you think the candidates were sincere about their promises?
- ★ Why might it be difficult to keep campaign promises?
- ★ What course of action do we take if a candidate has not kept his or her promises?

MORE RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES

Help your students to learn about government, find and analyze information, understand how informed, active citizens participate in democracy through elections and more. Find curriculum alignment guides, candidate and debate information, video, text, images, and more activities plus information about the student vote at www.GenerationNation.org/learn