

WHAT HAPPENED IN THIS ELECTION?

OBJECTIVE

Students monitor and analyze the election returns.

MATERIALS

None

INSTRUCTIONS

- ★ Instruct students follow the election results on TV news or the web.
- ★ Remind them to focus only on the candidates that are featured on the student ballot. (There are many offices on the adult ballot each year; the student ballot focuses on certain races only.)
- ★ Ask them to be prepared to discuss the next day.
- ★ If your school participated in the vote, GenerationNation will send student election results.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

On or immediately before Election Day

- ★ Which candidates/issues do you think will win? Why?
- ★ How might you feel if a person you voted for does not win?
- ★ What can you do if a person you voted for does not win?
- ★ Where can you find out which candidate won the election?

After election:

- ★ Who won? Who is the leader of our (country, state, city, school board, etc.)?
- ★ Why do you think that person won? Why did the opponents not win?
- ★ How does this make you feel?
- ★ What do candidates do if they did not win an election?
- ★ Did the people at your house or your friends talk about the election? Did you agree with what they said? Why or why not?
- ★ Now that we have voted, what kinds of things can we do to keep track of the candidates and their promises?
- ★ Is an active citizen's job finished once the election is over? Why?

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