

WRITING A STORY

OBJECTIVE

Students work collaboratively to write stories using different perspectives.

INSTRUCTIONS

Write these words on the board:

Election	Ballot	Issues
Vote	Democracy	Voters
President	Opponent	Media
Campaign	Global	Candidate

Divide the class into 6 groups, assigning each to a role

- ★ Journalist covering the candidates
- ★ Voter in this election
- ★ Republican candidate
- ★ Democratic candidate
- ★ Campaign manager for one of the candidates
- ★ Citizen who is undecided about the candidates
- ★ Inform your students that they will be working with their groups to write collaboratively.
- ★ Tell the groups that their work must be at least two paragraphs long and that all students in each group must take part in creating it.
 - Paragraph one: use 1st person point of view of the assigned role. Share opinions.
 - Paragraph two: use 3rd person point of view as if you were someone else reporting about this person. Focus on facts.
- ★ Encourage your students to listen to and support their fellow group members as they work.
- ★ The groups should incorporate at least 5 of the words on the board into their work.
- ★ Give the groups time to work together on their stories, and then share with the class.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ Was it easy to incorporate the words on the board into your story? Why or why not?
- ★ Do you think working in groups made your story better than it would have been if you were working alone? If yes, explain why.
- ★ What does perspective mean? Do different people have different points of view?
- ★ What is the difference between opinion and fact?
- ★ How can we tell if information is true? If it is written, is it automatically factual?

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