



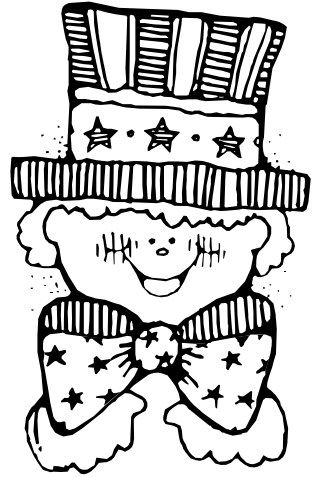
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Election Day: A Special Day for Choosing Leaders

Election Day is a significant and exciting day in the United States when citizens have the power to choose their leaders. It's a time for adults to make important decisions about who will represent them in government. Let's learn more about this special day.

Election Day is usually held on the first Tuesday in November. During an election, citizens who are eligible to vote visit polling places, which are often located in schools, community centers, or other public buildings. Here, they cast their votes for the candidates they believe will be the best leaders for their city, state, or country.

There are various elections held on Election Day. The most well-known is the presidential election, which happens every four years. In these elections, people choose the President of the United States. In other years, there are state and local elections where voters pick leaders for their state, city, or town. These leaders can be governors, mayors, city council members, and more.



Voting is a right and a responsibility for citizens in the United States. Adults who are 18 years or older and meet certain requirements can register to vote. They then have the privilege to express their opinions and make choices about the future of their community and the country.

Voting is essential because it helps determine who will make important decisions that affect our lives. The people we elect become our representatives and work on issues like schools, roads, health care, and the environment. Voting is how we have a say in the direction our country takes and how our communities are run.

After all the votes are cast, they are counted to determine which candidate received the most votes. The candidate who gets the most votes wins and becomes the new leader, whether it's the President of the United States or a local mayor.

Even though you may not be old enough to vote, Election Day is a great time to learn about democracy and the importance of being an informed citizen. You can encourage your parents, guardians, and other adults in your life to vote. You can also ask questions, learn about the candidates and their ideas, and be part of the conversation about how to make our communities and our country better.

On Election Day, we celebrate the power of our democracy and the idea that our voices matter. It's a day when people come together to choose their leaders and work together to build a brighter future for all.

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1. What is the text structure of this passage? (circle all that apply)

description

cause and effect

compare and contrast

problem and solution

sequence

2. Number the paragraphs in the passage.

3. When is Election Day? _____

4. How often do we vote for the President of the United States? _____

5. How old do you have to be to vote in a U.S. election? _____

6. Reread the sixth paragraph complete the next task. Which definition of "cast" is used in the paragraph.

definition 1

definition 2

definition 3

definition 4

definition 5

cast

verb

1. To throw something forcefully in a specific direction, often with a swinging or lifting motion.

2. To project or send forth, such as casting light or shadows.

3. To perform a role or part in a play, movie, or television show.

4. To shape or mold a material, such as metal, glass, or plaster, by pouring it into a mold or form.

5. To select or choose, especially for a particular purpose or role.

