

NATIONAL ELECTION



Week 9 of the project asks students to follow the national election results.

Question for the Week: ***What surprised you about the election results? What didn't surprise you?***

Objectives for Week 9:

Allow students time to reflect on their voting experience from week 8. Did they perceive their single vote as being important? Did they vote for the candidate they thought would win or the candidate they thought was best on the issues? Is a vote a good way to express your feelings? Is voting for a third party candidate or write-in candidate a wasted vote? Why or why not?

Analyze our CyberConvention voting results. Who would be elected President based on our results? How much has the vote changed since our September polling data? What might this mean for Tuesday's election?

Watch campaign coverage via different media throughout the week. How are the news media covering each campaign? Is there a bias in coverage? Do third party candidates get as much attention as Bush and Kerry? Should they?

Collect voting results from your home state for national and statewide elections beginning on Wednesday.

Suggested Procedure:

Monday and Tuesday: compare last minute polls with our CyberConvention voting results.

Wednesday: follow election results for your state and for the nation

Thursday: discuss what did and didn't surprise students about the election results

Friday: send a summary of student responses to this week's question to Walter via email to have them posted on the project web site. Please use first names only in attributing comments from individual students.

Materials:

Media resources
Web resources

