

My 2016 Election Portfolio:

Starting after Labor day until November you will be collecting information about this year's Presidential election. You will be putting this information together into a ½ or 1 inch binder. The list below explains how this portfolio will be organized.

***Title Page-** "My 2016 Election Portfolio by" You may decorate this title page with images, colors, and symbols that represent a presidential election. The title page should be simple but creative. Use only appropriate pictures.

***Table of Contents:** Create a table of contents based on the information below and it should be organized in that order. I would suggest having tab dividers for each section.

***Democratic Candidate Biography:** As you research for this section, make sure you include the candidate's name, age, occupation, political experience, family information, religious views, talents and hobbies, slogan, vice president running mate, and political symbol. The biography can be in listed format or paragraph.

***Republican Candidate Biography:** As you research for this section, make sure you include the candidate's name, age, occupation, political experience, family information, religious views, talents and hobbies, slogan, vice president running mate, and political symbol. The biography can be in listed format or paragraph.

Polls: Find polls in the newspaper, magazines, or from the internet. These polls will show which candidate is in the lead. These polls change almost daily so keep up! (Need at least 4)

Electoral College Map: You will be given a blank map of the United States; it is your responsibility to label each state's Electoral College votes. When the results are in, you should color each state according to how they voted. (RED for Republican, BLUE for Democrat) *The coloring cannot be completed until after the results are in.*

Political Cartoons: Political cartoons can be silly. You will find political cartoons in the newspaper, online, and in Junior Scholastic magazines. You will need to include at least 4 political cartoons. Each cartoon should be cut out and attached to a piece of paper. You will write a 2-3 sentence description explaining what the illustrator is trying to show.

***Debates and Speeches:** Throughout this election the presidential candidates will be giving many speeches and participating in numerous debates. Most of these debates and speeches will be televised. I encourage you to watch as many of these as possible. You will be asked to take notes on at least 1 debate/speech. You will need to write the date in which the debate/speech occurred, a quote from each candidate, and a list of some issues that were addressed. Usually televised debates can be found on the internet the next day.

Newspaper/ Internet articles: As you browse for information on the Internet and in the newspaper, I want you to find any additional information about this election. When you find articles that involve this election, highlight the important facts. There is no limit to how many articles you find or how long they are. You need to have at least 5 articles.

***Results:** This portion of your portfolio can not be completed until the results are in. A fun way to show the results for this section is to include the newspaper article or internet article that comes out the day after the election. Before the results are in you should give your opinion of what the outcome of the election will be and why.

* means material in this section should be typed

Bring this portfolio with you every Friday to Social Studies!

So, what do you need for the portfolio?

_____1 binder (1/2 inch- 1 inch)

_____Colored paper or tab dividers to indicate each section

_____Sheet protectors (optional)

SOME RESOURCES:

<http://www.cnn.com/studentnews/index.html>

<http://www.electionprojection.com/index.php>

<http://election.scholastic.com/>

Another great resource is the Junior Scholastic magazine that you receive every other Friday.

Parents,

Please read over the information and sign the agreement below. By signing this agreement it shows that you understand this is an ongoing project and it may take reminders from you to keep your child on task. We will work on the project some days at school. If you are unable to purchase a binder please let me know as soon as possible. If you would like to donate extra binders it would be much appreciated. Thanks again!

I, _____ have read and understand the requirements of my child's Social Studies election project. I understand this project is due November 11, 2016.

PLEASE RETURN BY 8/26/16