



ACTIVITY GUIDE FOR ALEXANDRA PELOSI'S DIARY OF A POLITICAL TOURIST

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THIS ACTIVITY GUIDE CAN BE USED WITH MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Students will write journal entries from the perspective of one candidate who attempted to get the nomination for President during the 2000 or 2004 primaries (see resources for a full list of candidates who participated in both primaries). Students can choose an individual from any party and must do research to obtain details from the campaign trail. The journal will span from the night before announcing his or her decision to run for President, through the primaries, up until his or her involvement in the Convention.

Students will then write an interview with a former President where he discusses how he got the nomination for President. Information for the journal and interview can be found on suggested websites.

Students will also explore the role the media plays in the process by writing an Op/Ed piece or an article written from the perspective of a journalist following the candidates through the primaries.

Finally, students will share their personal thoughts on the voting process and who they would vote for in the upcoming election if they had the chance.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/>
<http://ap.grolier.com/>
<http://www.politics1.com/p2004.htm>
<http://www.politics1.com/p2000a.htm>
<http://www.politics1.com/parties.htm>
<http://www.democrats.org/>
<http://www.rnc.org/>
<http://www.reformparty.org/cgi-bin/hcgmain.cgi>
<http://www.kidsvotingusa.org/>
<http://www.rockthevote.org/>

- Information on former U.S. Presidents
- Information on former U.S. Presidents and 2004 election news
- A guide to the candidates in the 2004 primaries
- A guide to the candidates in the 2000 primaries
- Information on the U.S. political parties
- Democratic National Committee home page
- Republican National Committee home page
- Reform Party official website
- Information on U.S. politics (kid friendly)
- Voting information

For more activity ideas visit:

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/election2004>

<http://www.aolatschool.com/features/elections/2004/index.adp>