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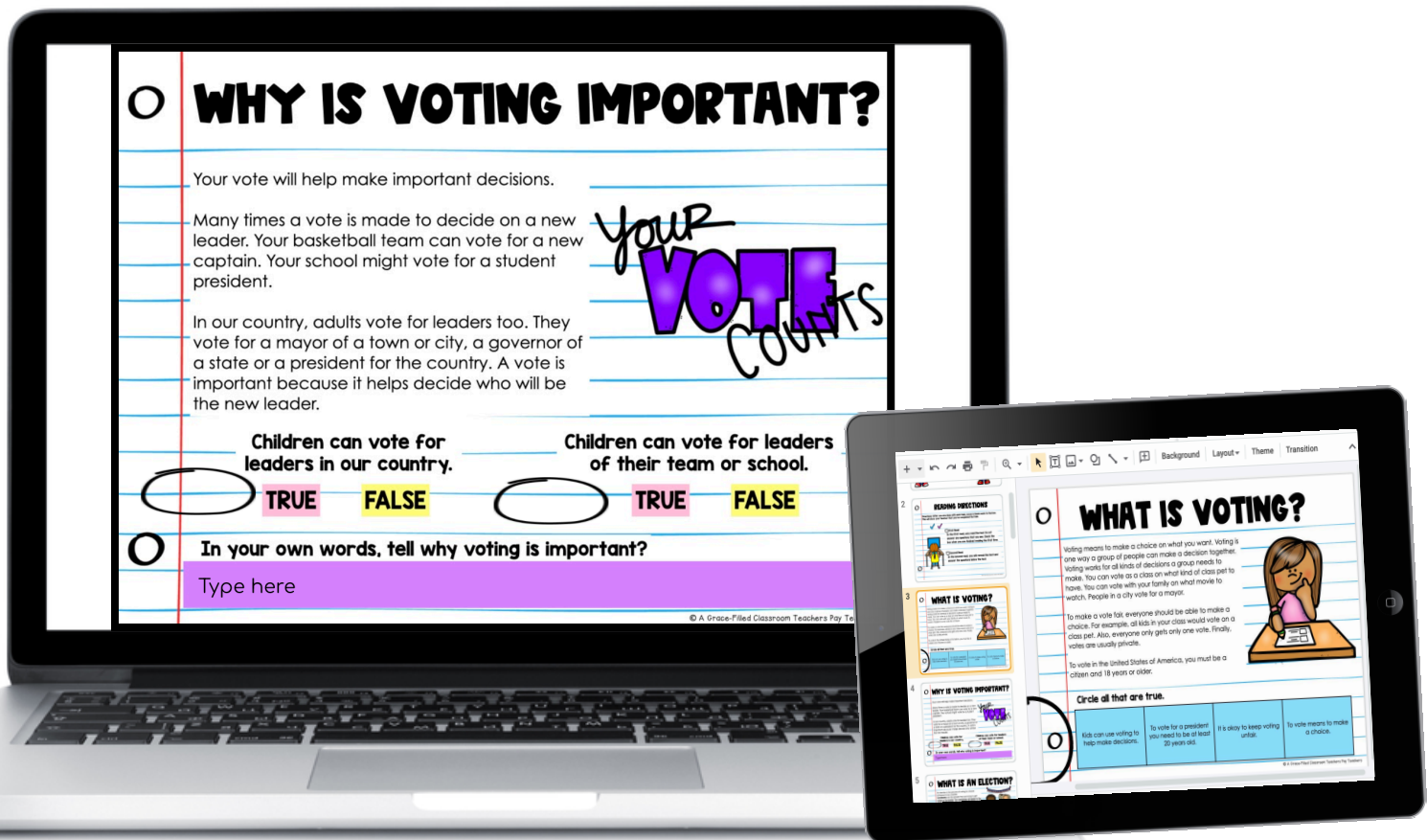
ELECTION 2020

DIGITAL AND PRINT

WHY IS VOTING IMPORTANT?

WHAT IS VOTING?

WHAT IS AN ELECTION?

An election is the process of voting to choose someone to be a leader.
Candidates are the people that are trying to get voted as the leader. The candidates will speak to the voters and try to convince them that they will do the best job if chosen, or **elected**.

The candidates that are running against each other will have a debate. A **debate** is a discussion where you will hear both candidates share their ideas, opinions, and promises.

A voter has a tough decision. A voter will pick the candidate they believe will do the best job. After all of the votes have been counted a new leader is chosen.

Reread the text and highlight what it means to be a candidate.

What is a debate?
a. a funny show by the candidates
b. an argument between candidates
c. a way for two candidates to share their thoughts

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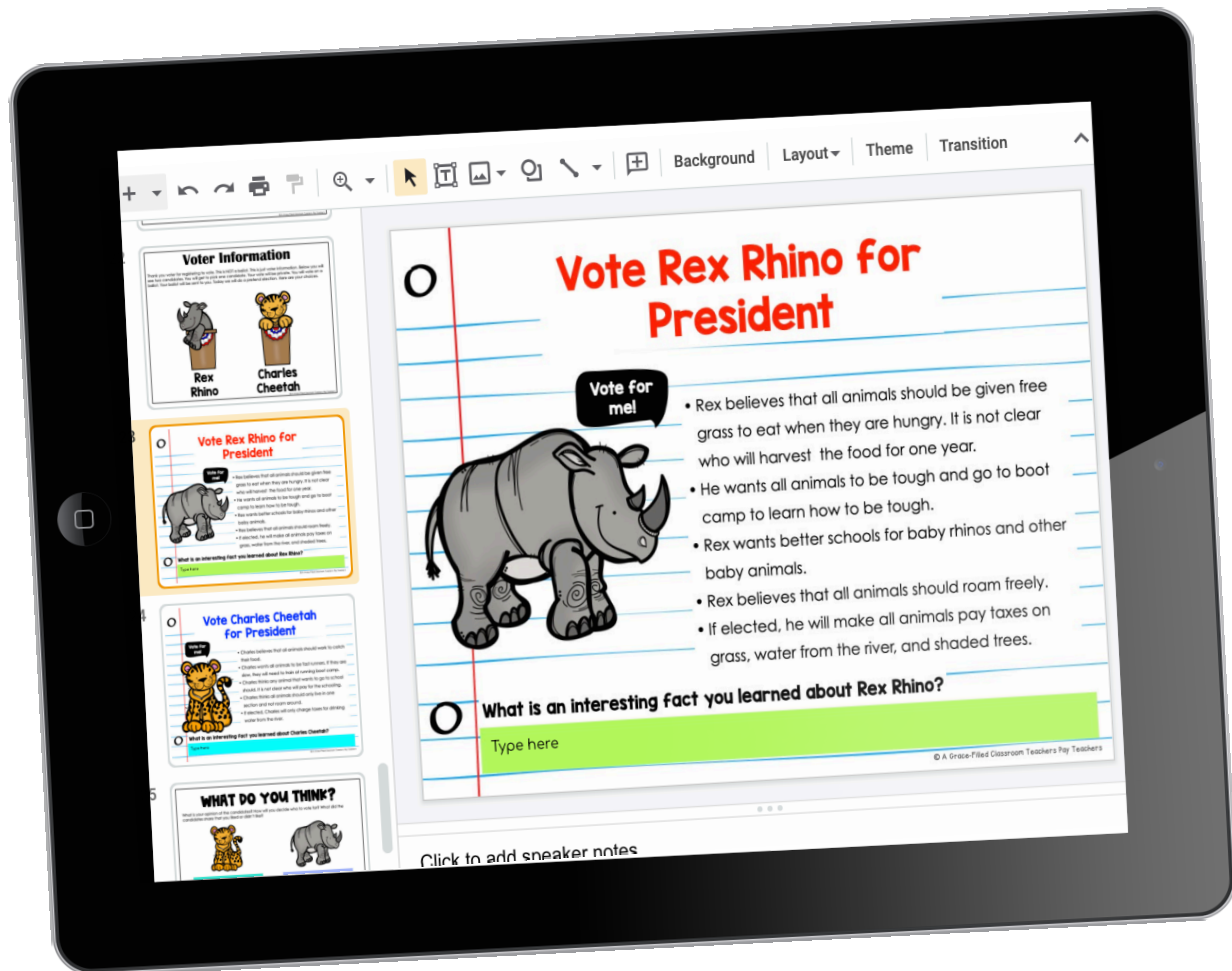A GRACE-FILLED CLASSROOM

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The resources includes directions on how to download your digital resource, save it and assign to students.

MAKE THE ELECTIONS FUN FOR STUDENTS

You can have a mock election with the Presidential Candidates or with Animal Candidates.

What's in the Print Version?
PASSAGES, ACTIVITIES, AND A MOCK ELECTION

WHY IS VOTING IMPORTANT?

Your vote will help make important decisions.

Many times a vote is made to decide on a new leader. Your basketball team can vote for a new captain. Your school might vote for a student president.

In our country, adults vote for leaders too. They vote for a mayor of a town or city, a governor of a state or a president for the country. A vote is important because it helps decide who will be the new leader.

Registration Form

When you register to vote you are telling who you are and where you live. Voting rules are clear: you can only vote if you live in the voting area and are old enough. To vote in our pretend classroom election you need to register to vote.

Register to VOTE

Type your full name

_____

_____ you?

_____ yes   no

_____ our classroom?

Who do you sit next to? Which friends are in your favorite thing about your class? What

IF I WERE THE PRESIDENT...

What would you do if you were the president? What kind of laws would you create? How would you want people to treat each other? What would you promise? Write about it below.

ELECTION DAY ORDER OF EVENTS

Directions: Reread the Election Day passage. Then put the events order.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

do voters go to vote?

Vote for me!

Vote Rex Rhino for President
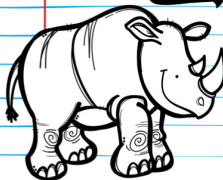
Vote for me!

- Rex believes that all animals should be given free grass to eat when they are hungry. It is not clear who will harvest the food for one year.
- He wants all animals to be tough and go to boot camp to learn how to be tough.
- Rex wants better schools for baby rhinos and other baby animals.
- Rex believes that all animals should roam freely.
- If elected, he will make all animals pay taxes on grass, water from the river, and shaded trees.

What is an interesting fact you learned about Rex Rhino? _____

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Donald TRUMP
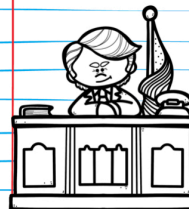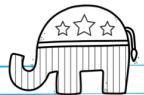
Fact Sheet

- He is the 45th and current President of the United States.
- Before becoming president he was a businessman.
- He also produced and hosted the tv show, *The Apprentice.*
- He was born in New York.
- He studied at Fordham University and then transferred to the University of Pennsylvania.

What is an interesting fact you learned about Donald Trump? _____

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Students learn all about elections.

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Election Day is the day citizens vote. Voting for leaders is called an **election**.

To vote, you go to a special place that has been chosen as a voting site, such as a library or school gym. Voters will vote in a voting booth. The booth doesn't let others see your vote. This helps keep your vote private. People can vote on a piece of paper called a ballot. When finished, they place the ballot in the ballot box. If a voting booth has a special computer, people can vote electronically. You'll know if someone voted because they get an "I VOTED" sticker.

Once all of the ballots are counted, the candidate with the most votes is elected to the new position.

This year, the Presidential Election Day will be on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

UNITED STATES PRESIDENTS

The president is the leader of our country, the United States of America. The United States has had 44 presidents. You might be familiar with some past presidents.

George Washington

Abraham Lincoln

Barack Obama

Our current president of the United States is President Donald Trump.

When elected, a president will lead our country for 4 years. After the four years have ended, it is time for a new election.

Donald Trump

2020 is an election year. That means the country will hold elections for a new president this year.

WHO TO VOTE FOR?

Many months before the Election Day, the two candidates will have campaigns where they travel throughout the country to let other voters know about them. Campaigns help them gain a voter's vote.

You might see signs, stickers, buttons, and commercials with a candidate's name and face on it.

Candidates also have debates. During a debate, both candidates share their views on education, taxes, health, safety and other big topics that concern voters.

Remember, voters will pick the candidate that they agree with and believe will do the best job.

Vote for me!

Vote for me!

Campaigns help voters get to know a candidate better.

TRUE   FALSE

Circle all that are true.

a. Candidates travel all over meeting people during a campaign.
b. Campaigns happen in October.
c. Voters pick a candidate that is the youngest.
d. Voters pick a candidate that will do the best job.

POLITICAL PARTIES

Did you say party?

Yes, a **political party** is a group made of citizens that have shared beliefs about how the country should be governed. The two major parties are the Democratic Party, their symbol is a donkey, and the Republican party, their symbol is an elephant.

In the 2020 Election, the two candidates for president are Joe Biden for the Democratic Party and Donald Trump for the Republican Party.

Joe Biden

Donald Trump

Write the name of the party the symbol represents.

Reread the text and highlight what political party each candidate represents.

Mock Election Material

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES OR ANIMAL CANDIDATES

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Type your full name

How old are you?

Are you old enough to vote?   yes   no

Are you a citizen in our classroom?

Voter Information

Thank you voter for registering to vote. This is NOT a ballot. This is just voter information. Below you will see two candidates. You will get to pick one candidate. Your vote will be private. You will vote on a ballot. Your ballot will be sent to you. Today we will do a pretend election. Here are your choices.

COUNT THE VOTES

How many votes did Joe Biden get?

VOTING CHOICES

This is your Animal President Ballot. Please vote and submit your vote into the ballot box.

Charles Cheetah   Rex Rhino

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ANIMAL PRESIDENT VOTING BALLOT

I vote for:

☐ Charles Cheetah   ☐ Rex Rhino

Sign Your Name:

Register to Vote in our Class Election

We will hold a pretend classroom election to vote for a president. The following is necessary to be able to vote.

To vote you must:

VOTING CHOICES

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Joe Biden   Donald Trump

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COUNT THE VOTES

Rex Rhino	Charles Cheetah

How many votes did Rex Rhino get?

How many votes did Charles Cheetah get?

Who has the most votes?

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PLEASE NOTE: THE DIGITAL VERSION USES GOOGLE FORMS AS A VOTING BALLOT.

Extra Resources

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Where do voters go to vote?

The voter filled out her ballot.

The voter went inside the voting booth.

The voter got an "I VOTED" sticker.

The voter placed his ballot in a ballot box.
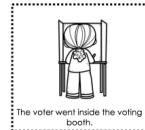
FACTS ABOUT THE ELECTION

Directions: Write facts that you learned about an election.

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