

Election Scavenger Hunt

Challenge students to search newspapers and other news resources to collect the items on a scavenger hunt list. Adapt the list to fit the grade level of your students. That list might include the following:

I. Find examples of ...

Group 1

- a news article about George Bush's campaign;
- a news article about John Kerry's campaign.

Group 2

- photographs of Bush;
- photographs of Kerry.

Group 3

- an editorial cartoon that relates to one of the candidates;
- an editorial cartoon that relates to one of the campaign issues.

Group 4

- an election ad or a flyer for one of the candidates from a news source or campaign office.

Internet Sites

News sources online: willamete.edu/wuc/longlib/newspapers.htm
New York Times: nytimes.com
Jack Ohman's political cartoons:
<http://cagle.slate.msn.com/politicalcartoons/PCcartoons/ohman.asp>
The Oregonian: oregonlive.com
Portland Tribune: portlandtribune.com
Salem Statesman Journal: statesmanjournal.com
Willamette Week: wweek.com

II. Consider ...

What do the examples attempt to show the voter?

Are they successful?

What additional information would be useful for an informed voter?

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