

Trump Elected



Donald Trump will be the next president of the United States. He defeated Kamala Harris in the 2024 presidential election.

SOCIAL STUDIES (NCSS) STANDARD: Civic Ideals and Practices
COMMON CORE (CCSS) STANDARDS: RI.6-8.1, RI.6-8.3, RI.6-8.7, W.6-8.7

ENGAGE THE READER

Start the lesson by explaining that the class will be discussing the recent presidential election. Remind your class of discussion rules for civil discourse. [These guidelines](#) from the Center for Research on Learning & Teaching will help. Invite students to share what they know about the election. Did anything surprise them? You can also ask them how closely they were following this election, and why. Then have them read “Trump Elected.”

QUESTIONS FOR CLOSE READING AND DISCUSSION

- What made Donald Trump’s win decisive? What was unusual about his win?
- Based on the context, what is a battleground state?
- Why did the author include quotes from both Trump and Harris?
- What does “at press time” mean? Why is it important that this be included in the story?

EXTEND LEARNING

Have students consider the following: If you were eligible to vote, do you know whom you would have voted for? If so, how did you come to that decision? If not, what could help you make a decision? Students may share ideas for learning about a candidate. Ask what difficult issues Trump and Vance will tackle once in office, according to the article. Are these important issues to you? Make a list of possible issues that presidents have to tackle.

Ask students to imagine they are president. Have them look at the list and identify which issues would be most important to them when in office. Then explain that the president creates executive offices that are responsible for helping with tasks. Show students President Biden’s at ti.me/BidenEOP for an idea of what they could be. Then have students come up with executive offices they’d create if they were president and say why these would be important.

COVER STORY QUIZ + ANSWER KEY

The cover quiz can be found on page 2 of this guide.
To create a digital quiz, you can use our template [here](#).

1. C (RI.4) **2. D** (RI.3) **3. B** (RI.8) **4. D** (RI.1) **5. C** (RI.6)
6. A (RI.7) **7. Answers will vary.** (W.1)

Name _____ Date _____

Use this week's cover story, "Trump Elected," to answer the questions below. For questions 1–6, circle the letter next to the best answer. If you need more space to write your response to question 7, you may use the back of this page.

<p>1. Based on the context, what does being <i>inaugurated</i> mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. winning the electionB. tackling immigration issuesC. taking a formal oath of officeD. moving into the White House	<p>4. After reading the article, you can tell that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. this is Trump's first time as president of the U.S.B. Trump took office on November 6.C. Trump was running against J.D. Vance.D. Trump has run for president three times.
<p>2. What must happen before Trump takes office?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. He needs more electoral college votes.B. Vice President Kamala Harris must call and congratulate him.C. He has to tackle difficult issues.D. He must be inaugurated.	<p>5. Why did the author write this story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. to sway future votersB. to explain the electoral collegeC. to report timely U.S. newsD. to profile Donald Trump and J.D. Vance
<p>3. According to their quotes, both Donald Trump and Kamala Harris made promises to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. tackle tough issues.B. fight for Americans' future.C. reduce inflation.D. overcome obstacles.	<p>6. Which state has the most electoral votes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. CaliforniaB. FloridaC. IllinoisD. Texas

7. Do you think it's important for young people to pay attention to elections before they're eligible to vote? Explain.
