

Civics: Political Processes

Station #1: Third Parties

READ the article titled “The Rise and Fall of Third Parties” (*Cobblestone*, September 2008).

ARTICLE: <http://www.inquirybursts.com/uploads/1/0/7/3/10730155/thirdparties.pdf>

READ the article titled “Many Students Would Welcome Third Major Political Party (*USA Today*, October 19, 2013).

ARTICLE: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2013/10/19/millennials-want-political-reorganization/3013343/>

RESPOND: What is the value of third parties? Why has a third party candidate never won a national election?

Station #2: Electoral College

Watch the video. As you watch, jot down 10 key words/phrases on a notecard. After you finish watching, add your terms via the Video Vocab Form.

VIDEO: How the Electoral College Works: Complex Things Explained (CPG Gray) (4:43)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUS9mM8Xbbw>

Video Vocab Form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1IMIndatzzGu4k3V1eiUPtmDIFCSZxv73x1DuqPNaxLQ/viewform>

(at the end of class or on another day, teacher can quickly build a Wordle or Tagxedo cloud to highlight content of video, begin a more in-depth discussion).

Station #3: Political Ideology

Review the infographic. Based on the infographic, do you think that you are liberal or conservative?

Political Ideology Infographic

<http://www.thegimcrackmiscellany.com/2009/10/almost-perfect-liberal-vs-conservative-infographic/>

Respond to the political ideology survey. Did the survey results turn out how you expected?

Political Ideology Survey

http://www.inquirybursts.com/uploads/1/0/7/3/10730155/political_party_survey.xlsx

What are the key issues that shape your own political ideology?

Station #4: Political Processes Vocabulary

Review the unit vocabulary and then play some games to test yourself.

8th Grade Civics Vocabulary: Political Processes

<http://quizlet.com/7361254/flashcards>