

Part 2 Due Wednesday 9/11

For the second part of this assignment, you will research the candidates for each of the offices on your ballot, and choose who you would vote for and explain why. Some offices may only have one candidate; you should still research them and decide whether you would proactively choose them, or leave that one blank, and explain why. Also choose one other candidate in each category to explain why you *wouldn't* vote for them. You may email the assignment to me at maryannu@school-one.org or turn in a hard copy.

1. To conduct your research, start with each candidate's own campaign website and any official social media sites for their campaign. They should have information about their platform (where they stand on the issues and what they plan to do about them) and their priorities. Read through it, keeping in mind what issues are of particular importance to you. Jot down a few notes of key points and save the source. Then, do some secondary research: look for mentions of the candidate on other news sites or blogs to see what other sources have to say about them or how they've responded to questions, particularly any opinions or clips from debates. These can be written or video sources. Jot down notes of key points and save the sources.
2. For each office, name the candidate you would vote for and explain why in 2-3 sentences. Also, name your least favorite candidate and briefly explain why you would not vote for them. If there is only one candidate, explain why you would or would not vote for them.
3. Write a paragraph or two explaining any insights you've learned in general from researching the candidates and anything that you found challenging in the process. Also, after this research, do you think it's important to vote in primary elections? Why or why not? Has this assignment raised any questions for you?
4. List your sources by name and url (We'll worry about more formal source citation format in future assignments, but if you want to try it, use MLA standards. There's a link on the HW Hub page with a guide for this.)