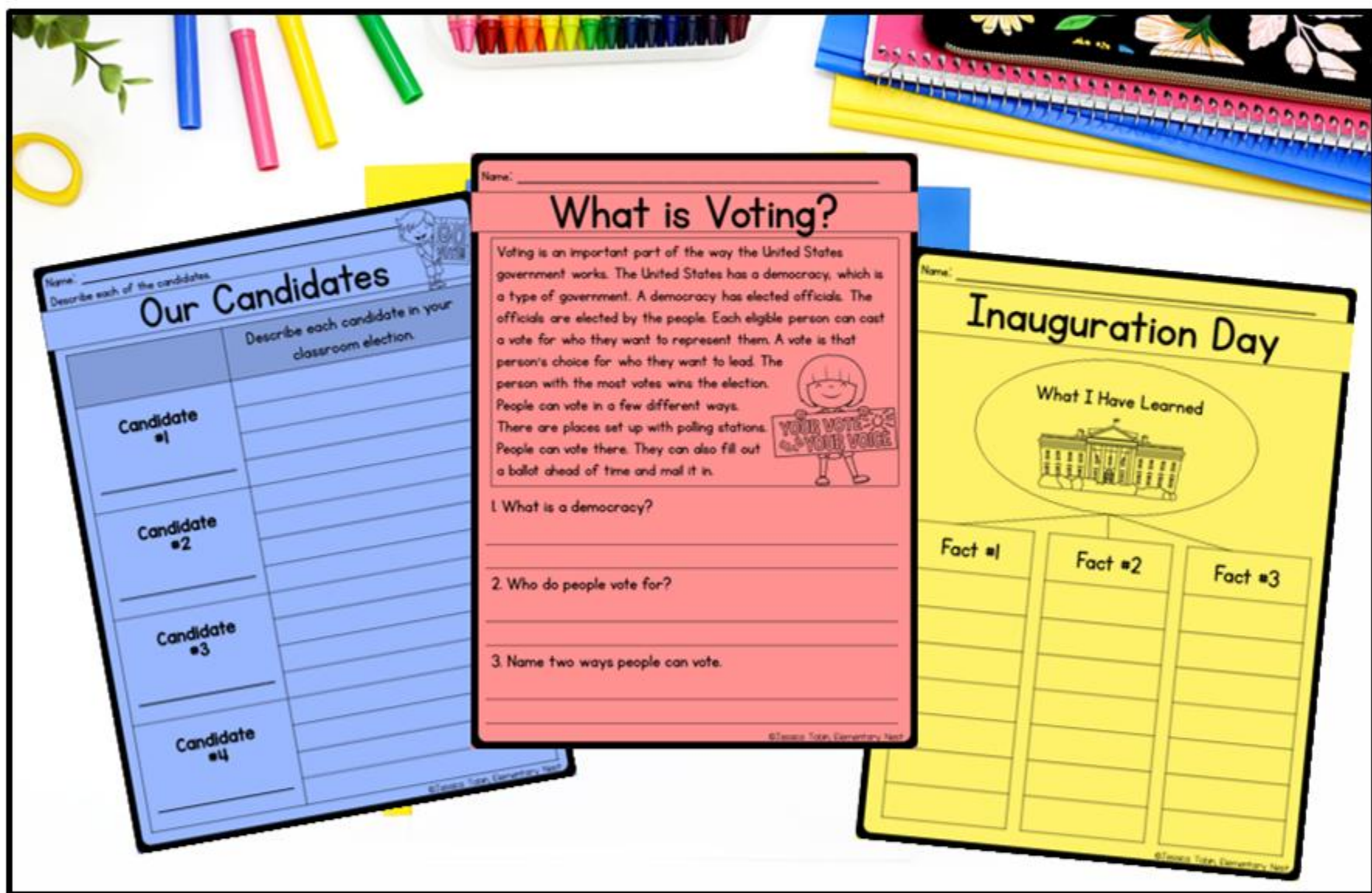
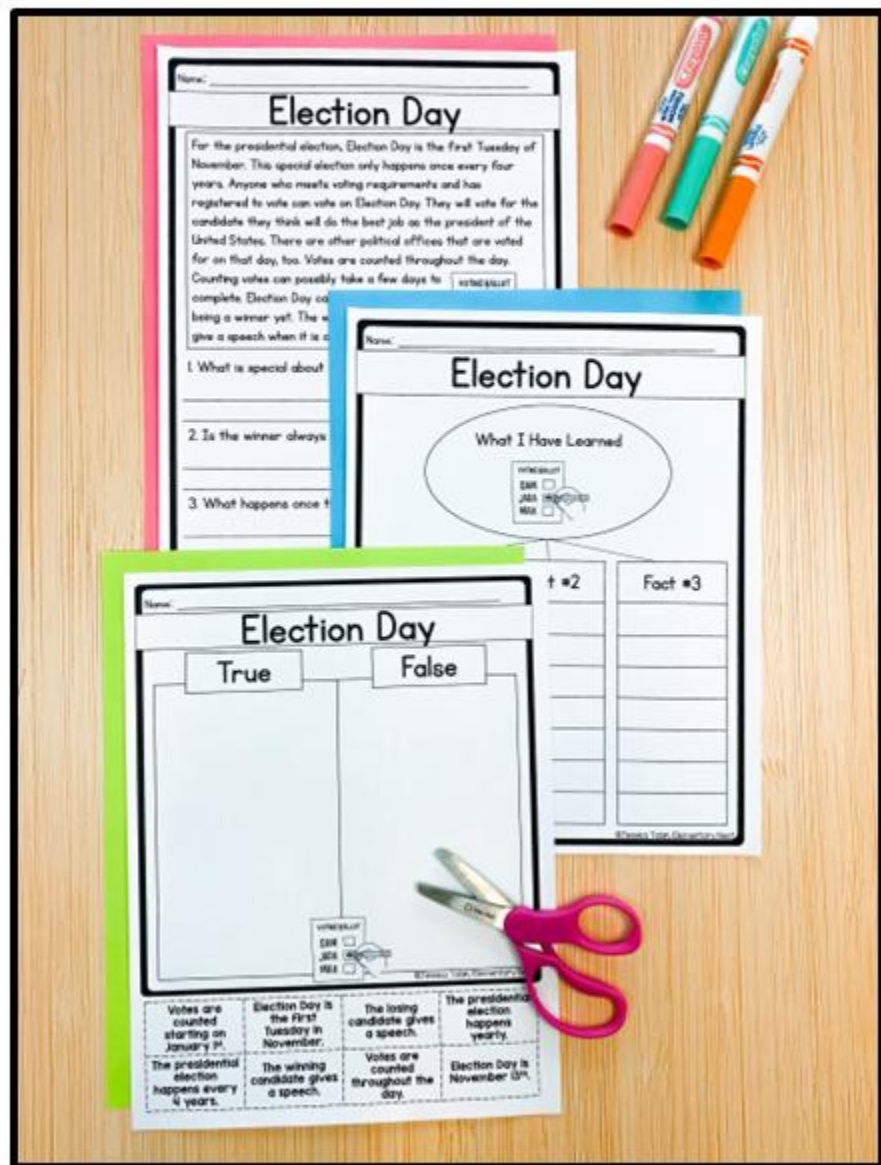


Voting Unit



What Teachers Have Said...



"I love how organized this is and how easy it is to plan my Social Studies lessons. We do not have a curriculum to use and this is perfect."

"Reading passage meets each standard taught. I love the simplicity of each passage. Helps students locate answers. I also love the prior knowledge and cut and paste activities."

"My students have benefited greatly from this resource. It is presented in a way that is engaging for their grade level. Thank you!"

Topics Covered

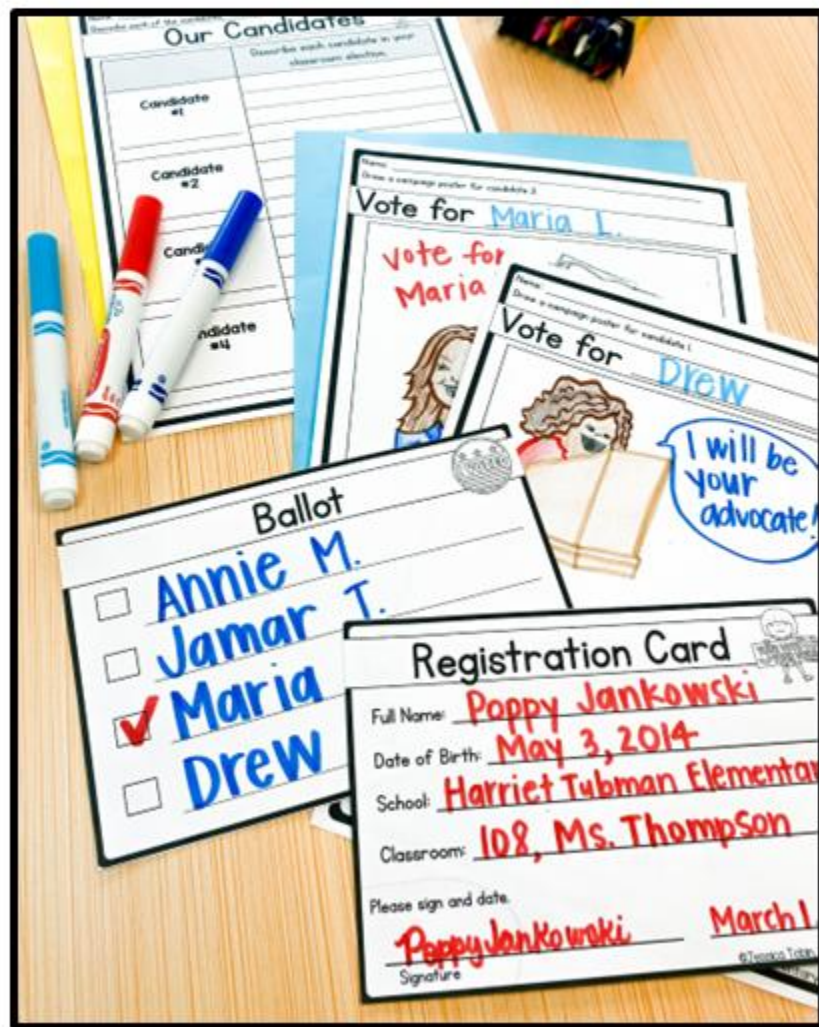
This Voting unit is intended to be used as a supplemental resource for your social studies unit.

Topics Covered:

- Voting Requirements
- Political Parties
- Candidates
- Types of Elections
- Election Day
- Campaign Trail

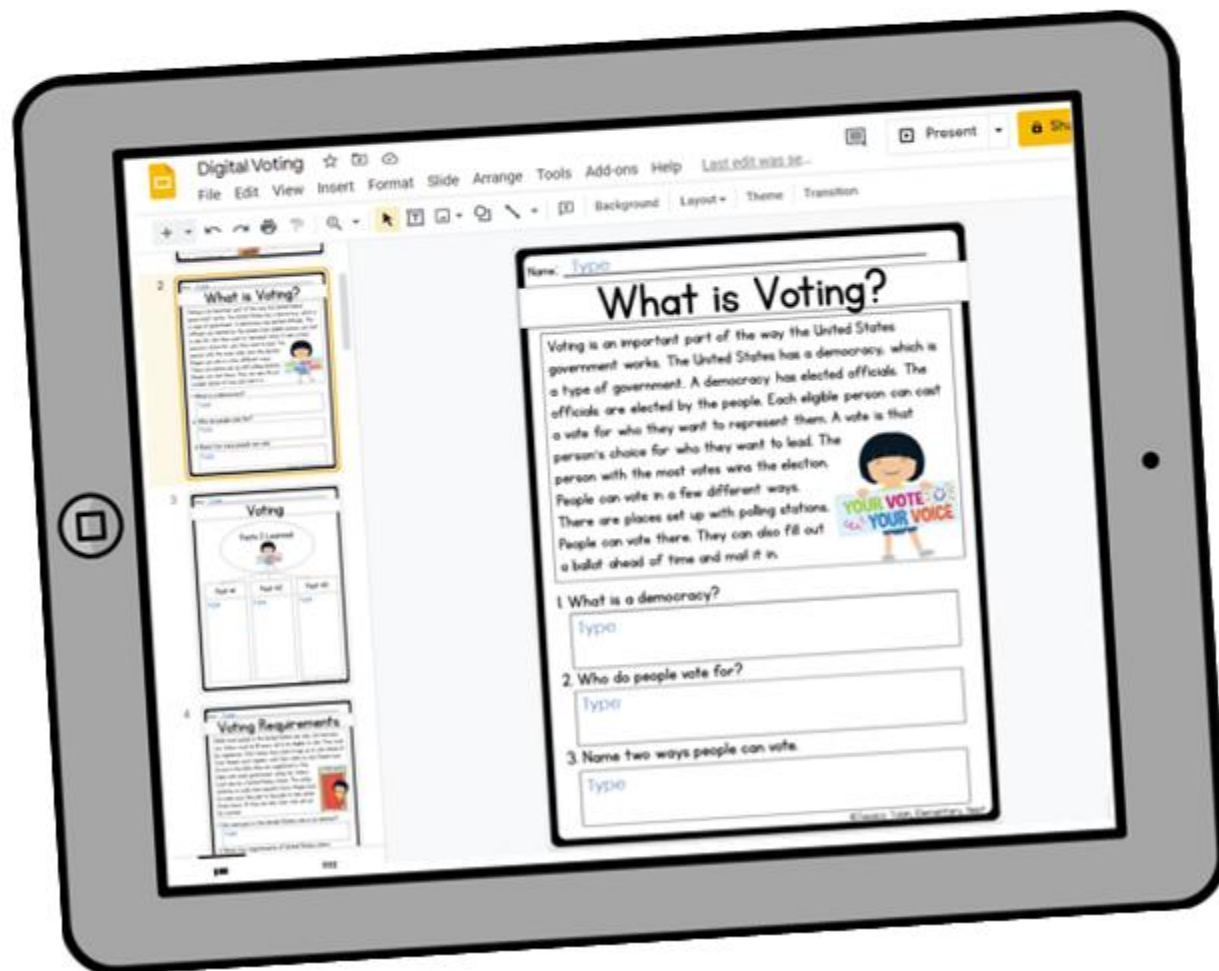
Types of Resources Included:

- KWL charts
- Passages
- Comprehension worksheets
- Fact writing worksheets
- Cut and glue worksheets



Digital Conversion

The passages and worksheets have been digitally converted to Google Slides.



All About Voting

Name: _____

Voting

What I Know

What I Want to Know

Name: _____

What is Voting?

Voting is an important part of the way the United States government works. The United States has a democracy, which is a type of government. A democracy has elected officials. The officials are elected by the people. Each eligible person can cast a vote for who they want to represent them. A vote is that person's choice for who they want to lead. The person with the most votes wins the election. People can vote in a few different ways. There are places set up with polling stations. People can vote there. They can also fill out a ballot ahead of time and mail it in.



1. What is a democracy?

Name: _____

Voting

Facts I Learned



Fact #1	Fact #2	Fact #3

Name: _____

Voting Requirements

While most people in the United States can vote, not everyone can. Voters must be 18 years old to be eligible to vote. They must also be registered. That means they need to sign up to vote before an election. People must register with their state to vote. People must also be a United States citizen. The voting stations, or polls, have specific hours. People have to make sure they get to the polls to vote within those hours. If they are late, their vote will not be counted.

1. Can everyone in the United States vote in an election?

2. Name two requirements of United States voters.

Name: _____

Voting Requirements

Explain each of the voting requirements.

Requirement #1	Explain the requirement.

Name: _____

Voting Requirements

True

False

1. Can everyone in the United States vote in an election?

2. Name two requirements of United States voters.

3. What happens if people don't get to the polls in time?

Name: _____

Political Parties

Political parties are groups of people who share political beliefs. The United States is often called a "two party system" because there are two political parties that run the government. The Democrats and Republicans. There is rarely an official third party in government. However, there are other parties. All of the presidents of the past 150 years have either been Democrats or Republicans. Many people are registered members of a political party. It is very common to vote for all of the officials from one party. This is called straight-ticket voting or straight-party voting.



1. What is a political party?

2. What are the two main political parties?

3. What is straight-ticket voting?

Name: _____

Political Parties

True

False

1. Can everyone in the United States vote in an election?

2. Name two requirements of United States voters.

3. What happens if people don't get to the polls in time?

Name: _____

What are Candidates?

Candidates are the people running for an elected spot in government. Just like voters, candidates have to meet certain requirements too. Those change based on what position they are running for. Candidates have a team of people to help them. The team has many jobs. One of the main jobs is to raise money. Many campaigns are expensive to run. The team also helps keep the candidate on schedule. They help organize events and people to work those events. Candidates almost always are part of a political party. You might see ads on TV for political candidates.

1. What is a candidate?

2. Name two jobs a candidate's team does.

3. What might you see on TV?

Name: _____

Candidates

Identify who a candidate is.



Describe what a candidate might have to do.



Explain why candidates are important.

Mock Election Materials

Registration Card

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

School: _____

Classroom: _____

Please sign and date.

Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

Registration Card

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

School: _____

Classroom: _____

Please sign and date.

Name: _____

Draw a campaign poster for candidate 3.

Vote for _____

Name: _____

Describe each of the candidates.

Our Candidates

	Describe each candidate in your classroom election.
Candidate #1	
Candidate #2	
Candidate #3	

Name: _____

Draw a campaign poster for candidate 1.

Vote for _____

Name: _____

Draw a campaign poster for candidate 2.

Vote for _____

Name: _____

Draw a campaign poster for candidate 1.

Vote for _____

Ballot

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