

Perspective: After the Election

After the election, ask some of the voters you surveyed whether they were surprised by the election results. Look back at your surveys and predictions. Which predictions were accurate? Which ones were far from what actually happened?

Presidential Election Predictions and Results

	What I Predicted	What Happened	Why
Who would be selected as President by most voters in my community			
Who would be selected by most voters in my state			
Who would be elected President			

The third column is the thinking column. Think about why your predictions were correct or incorrect. Then explain in a few words what you think.

Discussion Points

- How close was your poll to the actual results for voting in your community?
- How close was your community’s vote to the state results?
- How close was your community’s vote to the national results?

Think It Through

What might the losing candidate have done differently to change the result of the election?

What might each of the following persons say about the result of this year’s Presidential election? (You can ask people—you can collect real opinions as well as make a guess about what each might say).

1. A farmer
2. A college student
3. A teacher
4. An Illinois Senator
5. The Governor of Illinois