

Perspective: After the Election

Analyze the Outcomes

After the election, look back at your surveys and predictions. Ask some of the voters you surveyed whether they were surprised by the election results. Then decide what affected the election outcomes.

Complete this chart.

Presidential Election Predictions and Results

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

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?

Get It Across

Write the guest editorial for the Newspaper to print on Inauguration Day. In your editorial, comment on the election. Give the incoming President advice on how to make sure we have a great future. You're writing as a student. Explain how you advise the President to act to make sure we have a good country for you to live and work in for the rest of the century.

Newspaper Connection

Write the report on the election for the front page of a post-election issue of the school newspaper. Discuss the results of your polls on the election. Interview students to find out how they feel about the election. Include their statements in your article. Remember that a news report should not have bias. So even if you do not like the outcome of the election, you are only reporting what happened, not giving your opinions.

Persuasive Project: Our Future

Write an open letter to the new President. Include advice for the next four years.

Explain what you think the new President should do to:

- Support better schools
- Improve transportation
- Improve communication
- Decrease crime
- Decrease poverty
- Improve health