

The US presidential election

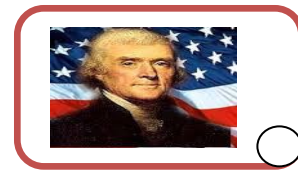
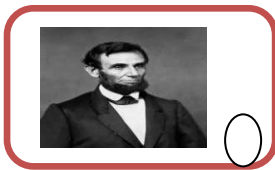
<b>Objectif</b>	Connaître le fonctionnement des élections présidentielles américaines. Présenter un ancien président des USA
<b>Compétences</b>	Ecrire Parler en continu Ecouter & comprendre
<b>Repère culturel</b>	Rencontres avec d'autres cultures
<b>Objectifs linguistiques</b>	Le pluriel des noms en -Y

*Ces activités sont destinées à des élèves du cycle 4 : 5<sup>ème</sup> LCE et/ou 4èmes. Elles abordent le thème des élections présidentielles aux Etats-Unis.*

1) **Anticipation** : Find the names of the 2 candidates for the 2020 presidential elections.



2) **Activity 1** : a) Do you know these famous American presidents. Match the names to the right picture.



Abraham Lincoln (A)

Thomas Jefferson (B)

Barack Obama (C)

Theodore Roosevelt (D)

John Fitzgerald Kennedy (E)

Bill Clinton (F)

George W. Bush (G)

George Washington (H)

Ronald Reagan (I)

➤ Practice at : <https://learningapps.org/5349163>: **presidents of the United States** and write the answers in your copybook.

b) **Webquest** : Go to the internet <https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents> and find their **rank** and the **dates** of their presidency.

Ex : Donald Trump was the **45th** president of the USA He ran the USA from **2016 to 2020**.

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3) **Activity 2** : a) Put the letters into the right order and find words related to the American elections.

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3	GY	ID	LO	EO	_____
4	NT	GO	VER	NME	_____
5	TE	RS	VO	_____	
6	EE	NO	MIN	_____	

CLUE : 

20	18	21	13	16
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b) Crack the code and find the words.

1	20	15	18	21	14	6	15	20	15	6	6	9	3	5
2	16	15	12	9	20	9	3	1	12	16	1	18	20	25
3	20	15	3	1	19	20	1	22	15	20	5			
4	20	15	18	21	14	1	3	15	21	14	20	18	25	

4) **Activity 4** : Put the steps into the right order to speak about the American presidential elections. Listen and number the steps : <https://learningapps.org/5349163> « becoming president of the USA »

Each elector vote.	The candidate who gets more than 270 votes win.	538 electors form the electoral college.
In caucuses, parties discuss and vote for the best candidate.	On election day people of each state cast their vote.	When they cast their votes, they are voting for a group of people called electors.
The nominee announce his choice for vice president.	In primaries, party members vote in a state election for the candidate they want to represent	They campaign around the country and and compete to try to win their party's nomination. <b>1</b>
Then presidential candidate campaign around the country to win the support of the population.	The new president and his vice president are inaugurated on january 20th.	After the caucuses and the primaries, each party hold a national convention to select a presidential nominee.

5) **Activity 5** : Watch this video about political parties and do the activities.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDVfiEmbQhs>

→ Pick the definition for « a candidate » : A person \_\_\_\_\_

→ Tick the definition for « a political party : an organised group of people who have the same religion  or \_\_\_\_\_ an organised group of people who have the same ideology or beliefs

→ Number of political parties in the USA and their names : \_\_\_\_\_

→ Symbols : \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_

→ Pick the 3 policies/issues the political parties can be interested in : \_\_\_\_\_

**Now, let's recap !** Complete the text with the answers from the grid.

A candidate is \_\_\_\_\_.

A political party is an organised \_\_\_\_\_.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ main political parties in the USA : The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. The symbol of the \_\_\_\_\_ is a red \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ is a blue \_\_\_\_\_. Political parties have policy preferences such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. They encourage voters to vote for them.

✚ Let's play a little game. Here are some facts about the USA and their president. Match the right information to the right picture.

The 1st black president

This president was assassinated in 1963

The house the president lives in

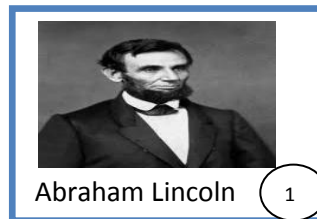
This is a mountain with 4 presidents' faces.

16th president who abolished slavery in the USA.

Meeting place of the US Congress

A former actor who became a president

Duration for a presidency term



4 YEARS 8





PR : Le pluriel des noms en Y.

**Le pluriel des noms qui se terminent par-Y : N-Y.**

➤ **Observe ces mots . A quelle forme sont -ils ?**

COUNTRIES PARTIES PRIMARIES POLICIES : ils sont au pluriel  singulier

➤ **Trouve le singulier :**

COUNTRIES : a \_\_\_\_\_ PARTIES : a \_\_\_\_\_ PRIMARIES : a \_\_\_\_\_

POLICIES : a \_\_\_\_\_

**En anglais, les mots qui se terminent par - \_\_\_\_\_ au singulier font leur pluriel en - \_\_\_\_\_.**

N-Y → \_\_\_\_\_

**Tâche Finale** : Webquest



Choose one president and fill in his ID card.  
 Then present him to the class without giving his name.

President ..... 's ID CARD	
Date of birth (was born in)	
Death (died in)	
Political party (was part of the)	
Date of election (was elected in)	
Age when he was elected .....+ rank (he was... when he was elected and he was the _____ president of the USA)	
Family (He had_____)	

**Reminder** : Pour présenter un personnage **décédé**, on utilise le **prétérit simple**.

**Died** → to die

**Was** → to be

**had** → to have