

Helping Students Understand Candidates & Issues

Tutor Workshop

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1. Resources designed for English Learners

- **News For You Online (0C4FB2)**
 - Main Page: <https://www.newsforyouonline.com/>
 - Voting Guide: https://www.proliteracy.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2024_NFY_Voting-Guide.pdf
 - Interactive Voting Guide: <https://www.proliteracy.org/voting-guide/>
- **Change Agent (Username: VALRC; Password: VALRC2024)**
 - Current Issue: <https://changeagent.nelrc.org/>
 - Activities, slides and scaffolds for this issue: <https://changeagent.nelrc.org/classroom-resources/lesson-packets/#packet33>
- **Voice of America**
 - 2024 Election Page with Explainers: <https://www.voanews.com/z/4720>
 - Learning English News Literacy: <https://learningenglish.voanews.com/p/6840.html>
 - Learning English Video News: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLd9hCvj34W5gcZKYY63qA212spQcsd-yv>
- **NewsELA (create your own username & password for free 45 day trial)**
 - <https://newsela.com>

2. Scaffolds for diving into non-ELL resources

- **Modifying Text:**
 - Chat GPT: <https://openai.com/chatgpt/>
 - Rewordify text & activities: <https://rewordify.com/>

3. Exploring resources:

- **Candidates & Issues:**

- <https://kamalaharris.com/> & <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/>
- **BBC Compare on 10 Issues:**
 1. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cx924r4d5yno>
 2. <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c2l1qd1nwnjo>
- **Pew Research Top Issues:**
https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2024/09/09/issues-and-the-2024-election/pp_2024-9-9_harris-trump_2-01/

- **Political Parties:**

- **Ellii Video explainer:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5cLtd0cxfo&t=6s>
- **Democratic Party:** <https://democrats.org/where-we-stand/issues-2024/>
- **Republican Party:** https://prod-static.gop.com/media/RNC2024-Platform.pdf?_gl=1*1mlsntb*_gcl_au*MTM4NTMyODE4Mi4xNzI2NjAxMDk1&_ga=2.255669768.1218420423.1726601096-129455716.1726601095

4. Electoral College & “Swing States”

- **Video Explainers:**

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ok_VQ8I7g6I
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9H3gvnN468>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajavsMbCapY&t=1s>

- **Maps:**

- <https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/electingthepresident/electoralcollege/map/2020>
- https://www.270towin.com/historical-presidential-elections/#google_vignette

5. Local-specific resources

- **US Senate Candidates:**
 - <https://timkaine.com/> and <https://www.hungforva.com/>
- **US Representative Candidates:**
 - <https://www.gloriawittforcongress.com/> and <https://www.mcguireva.com/>
- **CVille Tomorrow Voter Guide:**
 - <https://www.cvilletomorrow.org/2024-voter-guide-for-central-virginia/>
- **Sample Ballots:**
 - **Albemarle County:**
<https://www.albemarle.org/government/elections/sample-ballots>
 - **Charlottesville City:**
<https://charlottesville.org/DocumentCenter/View/12596/SAMPLE---Nov-General-2024?bidId=>
- **New Citizens: Steps to be a Voter in Virginia:**
 - https://literacyforall.org/docs/New_Citizens_Steps_to_be_a_Voter.pdf