

Candidate Profile

Directions: With the large number of candidates campaigning to become the next president, it can be difficult to distinguish various candidates from one another. Using PBS NewsHour and other Internet sources, answer each question below and create a candidate profile that describes one of the people campaigning to be president. Be prepared to share your candidate profile with classmates.

Research Questions:

On a separate sheet of paper, compile answers to each question below:

1. The candidate I am profiling is: _____
2. The political party this candidate represents is: _____
3. What other political offices has this person had in his/her career?
4. What prior political and leadership experience does this candidate have that makes him/her qualified to be the next president?
5. What is this candidate's point of view on major issues, such as:
 - national security
 - health care
 - education
 - women's rights
 - immigration
 - the economy
 - taxes
 - climate change
 - gun violence
 - other topics of concern to me
6. Read a short biography about the candidate (1-5 pages) and summarize it.
7. Other interesting information learned about the candidate

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- On a poster board, create a profile of the candidate that incorporates all of the information from questions 1-7 above along with at least 1 picture of the candidate.
- Organize the information so students can easily read about the candidate and understand what sets him/her apart from others who are campaigning to become the next president.
- At the bottom of the display, be sure to note when this candidate entered the presidential race.
- Leave a labeled section at the bottom of the display labeled “Campaign Outcome.” This spot will be used to summarize the candidate’s success in the bid for the presidency.
- Create a “My Point of View” section on the poster board and write 2-3 paragraphs to address the following questions:
 - Do you agree with this candidate and his/her point of view about important topics?
 - Would you vote for this candidate? Why or why not?