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Election Time for 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade

Station #1

Examine this chart. Which political party do you agree with?

Republican Party	Democratic Party
ECONOMY: We oppose people who want policies that put the government in control of businesses and we oppose higher taxes on anyone.	ECONOMY: We believe that there should be a minimum wage and higher tax rates for people that make the most money.
MILITARY: We believe in peace through strength based on freedom and the will to defend it which means we have to spend money on our military.	MILITARY: We believe in less of a presence in other countries and spending less money on our military.
HEALTH CARE: We oppose government-run health care.	HEALTH CARE: We believe it the job of the government to provide access to health care.
EDUCATION: We believe parents should be empowered to send their children to the school of their choice.	EDUCATION: We believe that college should be accessible by every American citizen, and that money should not be an issue.
ENERGY: We support an “all of the above” approach that encourages the responsible production of nuclear power, clean coal, solar, wind, geothermal, hydropower, as well as drilling for oil and natural gas in an environmentally responsible way.	ENERGY: We believe is developing all of America’s natural resources—domestic oil, gas, wind, solar and biofuels—and encouraging fuel efficiency so that we can reduce our dependence on foreign oil over time.

1. What political party do you agree with? _____

2. Which of the issues below are you most concerned about? _____

A. Economy B. Military C. Health Care D. Education E. Energy

Station #2 & 4 (Also color in the Electoral College Vote Predictions Map)

3. How many Electoral College votes does a presidential candidate need to win? _____

Station #3

4. Who would you vote for if you could vote in this presidential election? _____

A. Barack Obama B. Mitt Romney

5. In the space provided, list at least 3 reasons why you would choose that candidate.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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Station #5- How the President is Elected

6. Every _____ years the people of the United States choose a new President.
7. You have to be at least _____ years old to run for President.
8. The Republican Party is represented by a(n) _____.
9. The Democratic Party is represented by a(n) _____.
10. In 1874, Thomas Nast created a political cartoon that featured a(n) _____ labeled as the Republican vote forever connecting that symbol to the Republican Party.
11. In 1870, Thomas Nast is credited for making the unofficial symbol of the Democratic Party a(n) _____ from a political cartoon he created.
12. Candidates try to get people to vote for them by giving _____ and shaking _____.
13. The political parties choose their candidate at their _____.
14. The candidates have _____ where they answer questions about the issues that are important to the people in our country.
15. On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in _____, people go to the polls to vote.
16. On _____ the new president is sworn in, in Washington, D.C.
17. The President and his family move into the _____ at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C.
18. Who won the presidency in 2008? Why was the election in 2008 of historical significance?

Station #6

19. Which of the following groups did NOT have to fight for the right to vote?
A. White Men B. African Americans C. Women D. 18-21 year olds

20. In your own words, why is it important to vote?
