

YOUNG READERS' EDITION



THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE
OF VOTING

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Thank You for Voting Young Readers' Edition: The Past, Present,
and Future of Voting

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First Edition

Here are some suggestions if you're taking an adult to the polls:

THE DAY BEFORE

- Ask them to help you figure out when you'll be eligible to vote. Some states allow sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds to preregister, and even vote in primaries if they'll be eighteen by Election Day.
- Ask them about the first time they voted and why voting is important to them.
- Together, find news articles about the election and talk about the races on the local ballot.
- Discuss differences between the candidates' views.
- Ask if they'll need an ID to vote, and what kind.
- Voting lines are sometimes long. Pack a book or activity to help pass the time.
- Check the weather. Will you need an umbrella? Sunglasses? A coat?
- Voters often get an "I Voted" sticker specific to their city. Look up your local one. (Some places even have "future voter" stickers!)

VOTING DAY

- At check-in, pay attention to what the poll workers are asking—they're confirming your adult is registered

and in the right place.

- If you have a question, ask the poll worker. They are there to help.
- Notice everyone gets privacy to vote—a vote is a personal choice.
- If it's a paper ballot, make sure your adult is filling in the ovals fully and neatly.
- With the poll worker's permission, ask if you can drop the ballot into the box or feed it into the machine.
- Don't forget the sticker!

THAT NIGHT OR THE NEXT DAY

- Check election results and discuss who won and lost, and by how much.
- Tell your friends all about your voting adventure.

Some of these tips may need to be modified if your adult votes by mail, but the idea is the same—ask to participate and ask a lot of questions. You'll be on your way to being a voter.



THANK YOU FOR VOTING: TELL YOUR FRIENDS

Choose five people you're going to make sure vote. Tag them below (the old-fashioned way—write it down!) and, if you have a social media account, post a picture of your list and tag them there, too. Include **@thankyouforvoting** on Instagram.

Dear

@ _____
@ _____
@ _____
@ _____
@ _____

Let's make our voices heard on Election Day. Will you promise to vote? I'll check in to make sure you do. Thank you for voting!

@ _____



FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more information about voting as well as organizations you can participate in, here are some websites to visit.

- League of Women Voters: www.lwv.org
- Vote 411: www.vote411.org
- March for Our Lives: marchforourlives.com
- We Vote Next: www.eighteenx18.com
- When We All Vote: www.whenweallvote.org
- Rock the Vote: www.rockthevote.org
- USA.gov: www.usa.gov/register-to-vote
- Inspire2Vote: www.inspire2vote.org
- The Civics Center: thecivicscenter.org