

Super Tuesday 2008 Assignment

For the Presidential Primaries of 2008, we will be holding a mock debate in which you will be grouped and assigned a candidate to portray in the debate. There will be a Democratic and Republican debate. Following the debates, we will hold an election to select the 2008 Gifted Nominees for each party.

The format of the debate will be similar to the debates used by both major parties over the past months. Each candidate will be introduced and allowed to give a 45 second opening statement. Questions will be posed, and candidates can choose to respond to as many as three questions. Candidates will also be allowed a rebuttal to any direct statements made by other candidates. The moderator and assistant will keep track of the candidate responses, and the moderator will control the flow of the debate and any rebuttals.

Requirements:

- ❖ Candidate research
 - Each member of the group must be informed of their candidate's personal/political history, stance on the major issues, and current campaigning strategies.
 - As a group, divide this research and organize it to be used in the creation of a wikispace to promote your candidate. More information about the wikispace will be coming soon.
 - ❖ Banner and slogan
 - Each group will be responsible for creating a banner with an original slogan that promotes their candidate. The banner will be posted on the front of your candidate's podium during the debate. It should look professional.
 - ❖ Candidate advertisement
 - The candidate advertisements should provide an overview of the candidate's positions and message. The advertisement should include images and/or video of the student portraying the candidate. The advertisements must meet the following specifications ...
 - 30 – 60 seconds in length
 - school appropriate and professional in appearance
 - groups must complete a script and storyboard before filming
 - storyboard should have an image for every 10 sec.
- Do this as a group!!! You will be filming and editing on your own in the near future.**
- ❖ Opening speech
 - The candidate will open the debate with a 45 second speech. It should be upbeat and energetic and should influence voters to vote for your candidate. Remember, you are trying to sway voters, so be convincing! The speech must be typed and turned in to the teachers. You are allowed to use cue cards during the presentation of the speech,

but for full credit, you will be expected to give the speech without the aid of notes.

❖ Debate questions

- Each group will produce five potential debate questions. The questions should focus on the issues that are of concern to potential voters. Hint – you are the voters! What issues matter to you?

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1/25 –Project distributed HW – complete candidate wkst.
28 – Create banner/slogan -Write commercial script & storyboard -Create wikispace Candidate research DUE at start of period	29 – Create banner/slogan -Write commercial script & storyboard -Create wikispace	30 – Shoot commercial -Create 5 debate questions Script and storyboard DUE at end of period	31 – Finish shooting -Begin editing 5 questions DUE at end of period	2/1 Commercial DUE at end of period
4 – Some debate questions distributed -Write opening speech (45 sec) -Research opponents wikis -Begin grooming candidate Wikispace Posted by 7:35am	5 – Complete candidate preparation Opening speech DUE at end of period	6 Republican Debate -Post debate reactions -Students blog	7 Democratic Debate -Post debate reactions -Students blog	8 Election & Reflection

Oh yeah, this is going to be taped and televised for the local cable access channel.

Name: _____ Date: _____

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 *Online NewsHour* information available at <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/vote2008/index.html> along with other Internet and primary 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 complete 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 (answer these questions thoroughly):
 - the Iraq War
 - national security
 - healthcare
 - education
 - the economy
 - taxes
 - global warming
 - nuclear weapons
 - poverty
 - abortion
 - Supreme Court appointments
 - other topics of concern to me
6. Read a short biography about the candidate (1-5 pages) and summarize it. Include all relevant personal history.
7. Other interesting information learned about the candidate

Super Tuesday 2008 Teams

Periods 1 & 2

1. Josh Emma Sam Danny Akshay	2. Brandon Ryan Mo Monika Mike Costa Aaron	3. Pearl Nikki Jake Ryan Mc Ward	4. Anna Darren Mike Chen Tim G. Sean R.
5. Sean S. Marissa Joey Hilary Rob Daniela	6. Neil Lauren Nicole Tim C. Dave Madeline	7. Alex Al Bob Eric Crystal	

Periods 4 & 5/6

1. Chase Emily Angelena Stephen	2. Alec Linda Hanna Demitri	3. Olu Paul Caroline Whitney	4. Vania Abby Ryan Craig Hannah
5. Nick Kelsey Kevin Liz Sam	6. Jordan Carl Teresa Rebecca	7. Anil Serena Alex Matt	