Metodika a řešení: US Election

Tento pracovní list má žákům představit volební systém USA. Zároveň je seznámí se základními frázemi, které se pojí s volbami. Je vhodný pro žáky 2. stupně ZŠ a SŠ.

[Anglická fráze „to hold an election“](https://edu.ceskatelevize.cz/video/17707-anglicka-fraze-to-hold-an-election)

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1. Connect pictures with names and historical milestones, political affairs or unique events.

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| Painting of George Washington | Photographic portrait of Theodore Roosevelt | Photographic portrait of Harry S. Truman | Obsah obrázku Lidská tvář, oblečení, osoba, muž  Popis byl vytvořen automaticky |
| George Washington | Theodore Roosevelt | Harry S. Truman | Woodrow Wilson |
| Declaration of Independence | youngest person to become US president (aged 42) | authorized use of nuclear weapons in Nagasaki and Hiroshima | led the United States into World War I. |
| Photographic portrait of Richard Nixon | Photographic portrait of Joe Biden | Black-and-white photographic portrait of Abraham Lincoln | Photographic portrait of Bill Clinton |
| Richard Nixon | Joe Biden | Abraham Lincoln | Bill Clinton |
| Watergate scandal | dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic | Civil War, abolition of slavery | had an affair with intern Monica Lewinsky |
| Photographic portrait of George W. Bush | Photographic portrait of Barack Obama | Photographic portrait of John F. Kennedy | Photographic portrait of Donald Trump |
| George W. Bush | Barack Obama | John F. Kennedy | Donald Trump |
| terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001, invasion of Afghanistan | first sitting US president to publicly support LGBT rights | assassinated in Dallas | the only US president to be impeached twice |

Dejte žákům cca 5 minut, aby sami nebo ve dvojicích vyplnili tabulku. Následně společně zkontrolujte řešení a diskutujte: Co dalšího o prezidentech víte? Kdo z nich se zdá jako dobrý/špatný? Proč? Je možné být špatný prezident, ale dělat i dobré kroky? Dokážete dát příklad dobrého a špatného prezidenta ČR? Proč je tak vnímáte?

Zdroj: <https://en.wikiedia.org/wiki/List_of_presidents_of_the_United_States>

2. Translate the phrases. Watch the video and check.

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| TO HOLD AN ELECTION  | ZORGANIZOVAT VOLBY, VOLIT |
| IN THE CONSTITUTION | V ÚSTAVĚ |
| AS LONG AS | DOKUD |
| FOR INSTANCE | NAPŘÍKLAD |
| PRESIDENT REMAINS IN POWER | PREZIDENT ZŮSTÁVÁ U MOCI, JE STÁLE PREZIDENTEM |

3. Read the text and put the steps in correct order.

Vocabulary:

government = VLÁDA

election = VOLBY

nominee = KANDIDÁT

political party = POLITICKÁ STRANA

determine = URČOVAT

proportional = ODPOVÍDAJÍCÍ

cast a vote = DÁT HLAS

be inaugurated = BÝT INAUGUROVÁN, UVEDEN DO FUNKCE

endorse = PODPOROVAT

Ujistěte se, že žáci znají slovíčka uvedená výše a následně jim dejte 5–10 minut na přečtení textu na dalších stranách. Je vhodné následovat diskuzí o politických stranách USA – Znáte nějaké? Kdo jsou jejich zástupci v současných volbách? Kdo vyhrál poslední volby?

4. Look up information about one US president and describe his journey through the election process.

Tuto část je vhodné zadat jako domácí úkol, případně je možné ji využít k tvorbě prezentací a následnému mluvenému projevu v hodině.

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| **STEP 3: GENERAL ELECTION**People in every state across the country vote for one President and Vice President. When Americans go to the polls in November they will select their favorite presidential candidate and their running mate.When people cast their vote, they are actually voting for a group of people called electors. Except in the states of Maine and Nebraska, if a candidate receives the majority of the votes from the people of a state then the candidate will receive all electoral votes of that state.The presidential nominee with the most electoral votes becomes the President of the United States. | **STEP 4: ELECTORAL COLLEGE**The Electoral college is a process in which electors or representatives from each state in number proportional to the state’s population cast their vote and determine who will be president.Each state gets a certain number of electors based on its representation in Congress. There are a total of 538 electors selected according to each state’s policy. Each elector casts one vote following the general election, and the candidate who gets more than half (270) wins.The newly elected President and Vice President are inaugurated in January. |
| **STEP 1: PRIMARIES AND CAUCUSES**There are many people who want to be President, each with their own ideas about how the government should work. People with similar ideas belong to the same political party. This is where primaries and caucuses come in. Candidates from each political party campaign through the country to win the favor of their party members.Beginning in February the main voting events Primaries and Caucuses will lead to a selection of delegates who will represent the people at the upcoming conventions. The main focus will be on the results from Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina, which can usually determine who the final presidential nominee for each party will be.**In a Caucus**Party members select the best candidate through a series of discussions and votes.**In a Primary**Party members vote for the best candidate that will represent them in the general election. | **STEP 2: NATIONAL CONVENTIONS**Each party holds a national convention to select a final presidential nominee. State delegates from the primaries and caucuses selected to represent the people will now “endorse” their favorite candidates and the final presidential nominee from each party will be officially announced at the end of the conventions. The presidential candidate also chooses a running mate (Vice Presidential candidate). The presidential candidates campaign throughout the country to win the support of the general population. |

Zdroj: <https://kz.usembassy.gov/summary-of-the-u-s-presidential-election-process/#primaries-caucuses>

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