Election day will be here soon. America will vote on November 7th.

Men and women will line up to vote. Will the Republicans win or the Democrats?
Canada’s 2006 election was in January. Soon America will make its choices.

Americans will choose: Congresspersons, senators, governors and many more.

These women and men will lead the country.
AMERICA VOTES

Every two years America elects people to Congress.

Congress has two parts: the House and the Senate.

The House has 435 members, called “representatives.” Each representative is elected every two years.
The Senate has 100 members ("senators"). Each U.S. state elects two senators.

Each senator is elected for six years. Every two years, one-third of the Senate is elected.

33 senators will be elected on November 7th.
AMERICA VOTES

America has two big political parties. The parties are the Republicans and the Democrats.

A voter can join either party or none at all. If you don’t join, you are an “Independent.”

Independents vote for anyone they like.
AMERICA VOTES

The U.S. president is elected every four years. The same president can only be elected twice.

The next presidential election will be in 2008. A new president will be chosen.

Will the new president be a Republican or a Democrat?
The right to vote is very important to every American. But not every American can vote.

Children cannot vote; people in jail cannot vote.

Voters must be at least 18 years-old. Voters can vote at a “polling place” or by mail.

http://www.stateofthevote.org/
People vote at a “polling place.” Polling places are in every neighborhood.

A polling place can be a: church, library, fire station, school or any public building.

Helpers at the polling place show voters how to vote.

http://www.mypollingplace.com
Patriotic Pops

1. Put 1 C apple juice and strawberries in blender. Blend until smooth.

2. Pour into cups filling half way.

3. Cover cups with foil and insert popsicle sticks.

4. Freeze for 2 hours.
5. Put 1 C apple juice and blueberries in blender. Blend until smooth.

6. Remove foil and pour in cups.

7. Freeze for 2 hours, or until solid.

8. Peel off paper cups.

9. Eat.
Knock, Knock.

Who's there?

Vote.

Vote who?

Vote -o- graphs come from a camera.
Cross out the pictures NOT about AMERICA VOTES.

- board
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- fire station
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- Independent
- voter
- money sack

October 30, 2006
Match the names to the picture.

- **voter**
- **jail**
- **Independent**
- **Democrats**
- **lead**
- **election**
- **Republicans**
- **polling place**
- **school**
- **vote**
1. WHAT is the paper about?

2. WHEN will America vote?

3. WHO will vote?

4. WHO will Americans vote for?

5. WHAT has two parts?

6. HOW many senators will be elected?

7. WHAT is a big political party?

8. WHEN will the next president be elected?
THE PUZZLE PAGE

ACROSS

1  The __________ is elected every 4 years.
2  If you don’t join a political party you are an __________.
3  One of America’s 2 big political parties is ____________.
4  Americans choose people to __________ the country.
5  One of America’s 2 big political parties is ____________.
7  ________ day will be here soon.
8  The House and the Senate are part of the________.
9  A ________ must be at least eighteen years old.

DOWN

2  If you don’t join a political party you are an __________.
3  One of America’s 2 big political parties is ____________.
5  One of America’s 2 big political parties is ____________.
6  Every citizen should ________.

WORD BANK

Congress  election  Republican  vote  Independent  Democrat  voter  president  lead

October 30, 2006
1. WHY do you think it is important to vote?

2. WHO will your family vote for? Why?

3. WHAT do you think a Senator does?

4. DESCRIBE what happens at a polling place?
Each week the USA Today newspaper ranks teams. It picks the 25 best high school football teams.

The teams this year are: De La Salle (CA), Lakeland (FL), Lufkin (TX) and John Curtis (LA).

Who will be #1 when football ends in November?

http://asp.usatoday.com/sports/preps/football/scores/front.aspx
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Pictures: Election, lead, vote, voter.