

Girl Scouts Senior Citizen Badge Troop Leader Guide

Welcome to the Clinton Presidential Library! To earn your "Behind the Ballot" badge today, you'll need to complete the five activities listed on this worksheet and have an adult witness sign it. Good luck and have fun!

1) Find out more about elections.

(Location: 2nd floor, "A Campaign for The Future")

Create an election flow chart. Visit the Campaign exhibit. Review the timeline to understand the steps involved in a presidential campaign. On what date was President Clinton elected?

Answer: November 3, 1992

(Location: 2nd floor, across from "Cabinet Room")

Visit the Inauguration exhibit and watch President Clinton take the oath of office. On what date was he sworn into office?

Answer: January 20, 1993

What happened during this time?

Answer: President Clinton was known as President Elect between the time he was elected and the time he was sworn into office.

2) Investigate the ins and outs of voting. *(Location: 2nd floor, "A Campaign for the Future")*

Visit the Campaign exhibit. Study the map of the Electoral College. Compare the totals to the results of the popular vote. How do the numbers differ from one another?

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3) Get out the vote. (*Location: 2nd floor, "Timeline"*)

The National Voter Registration Act was signed into law by President Clinton on May 20, 1993. Find a picture from the ceremony on the 1993 block of the timeline. Why is the act referred to as "Motor Voter" legislation?

Answer: The act is referred to as such because it allowed people to register to vote when they obtained their driver's license which increased voter registration.

4) Plan a campaign. (*Location: 2nd floor, "A Campaign for the Future"*)

Create a campaign advertisement. Find a platform and write a speech. Visit the Campaign exhibit for inspiration. Look at the photos around the theater for examples of campaign slogans. Listen to President Clinton give campaign addresses. What was his core message? Did he use any catchphrases?

Example of an answer: President Clinton's core message was that America needed a leader that was willing to invest in her, put his time and effort into making her better. His catchphrase that was regularly repeated that went with this message was "I will invest in America."

5) Explore voting in other countries. (*Location: 2nd floor, "Alcove Exhibits"*)

Many other countries have elected women as president or prime minister. Visit the "Building a Global Community" alcove and find the picture of Mary Robinson. What country did she lead from 1990 to 1997? Explore other female leaders abroad by conducting research on-line.

Answer: Ireland

Activities completed by _____

On ___/___/20__

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