



# Girl Scouts

## Senior Citizen Badge

**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.**

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?

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

What happened during this time? \_\_\_\_\_

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### **2) Investigate the ins and outs of voting.**

The Electoral College is elected by the voters of the state; for a president to be elected, they have to win a majority of the Electoral College vote. Each state’s Electoral College votes usually align with the state’s popular vote, but that is not a definite. A popular vote, the people’s opinion, is important to every election. It is the vote that tells the political leaders of the state who the voter’s want to be elected.

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.**

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?

How would you encourage young people to get out and vote?

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**4) Plan a campaign.**

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?

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What would the core message for your campaign be? Would you use catchphrases?

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**5) Explore voting in other countries.**

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.

Activities completed by \_\_\_\_\_

On \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2015

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