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KIDS VOTING USA® Arizona

In grades K-12? Scan the QR code and use the voter I.D. to vote in the KVAZ Election! The ballot is open September 10th through election day.

Kids Voting AZ Voter I.D.

18 and older? Scan the QR code below to register to vote in the real election!

Kids Voting Arizona, administered by the Arizona Bar Foundation, is a non-partisan voter education program committed to creating lifelong voting habits in children, increasing family communication toward engaged citizenship, and encouraging greater adult voter turnout.

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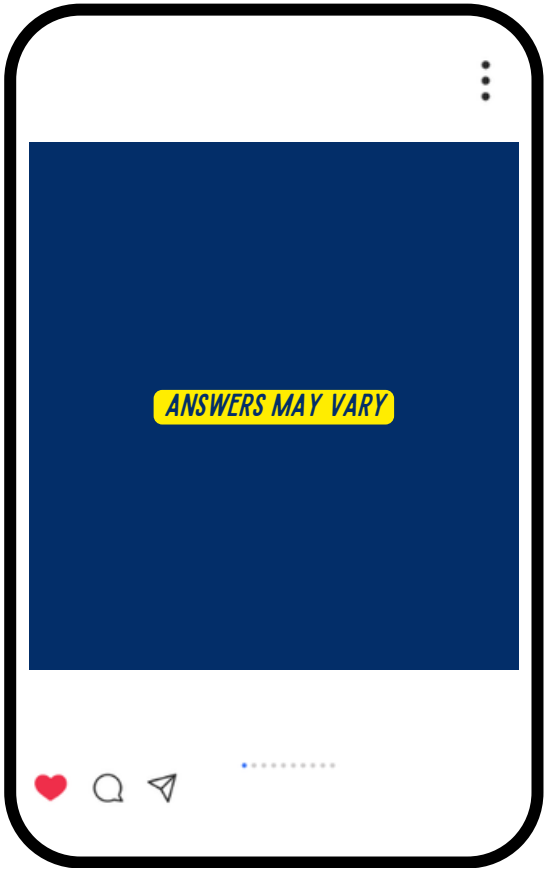
Midterm Election Family Activity Booklet

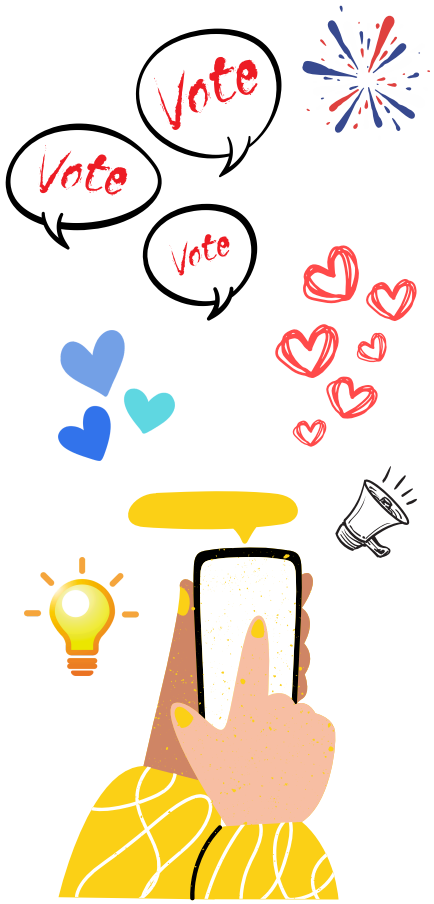
Answer Key

LEVEL IV

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Whether you're old enough to vote or not, you've got the power to impact an election! The Kids Voting AZ Family Activity Booklet will help you explore the world of voting and elections in a fun, hands-on way. Let's kick things off by sharing your thoughts on a topic that's important to you. When choosing a candidate to support, choose one who cares about the same things you do. **Use the space below to design a social media post about something you care about!**

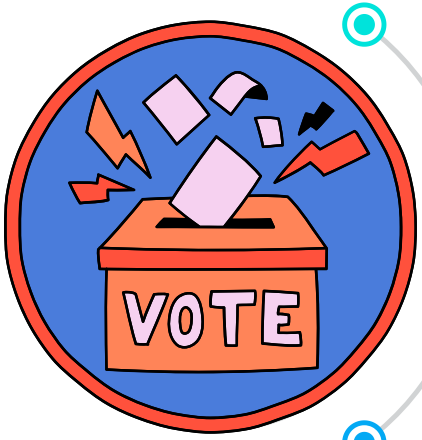




PREPARE, PRACTICE, AND GET READY TO VOTE!

Family CORNER

Chat with your family and/or friends. What STEPS will you need to take to be ready to cast your vote on Election Day in Arizona? List your top 4 steps below.



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Tech Time

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING!

Family CORNER

Here are some additional activities to do with your family!

1. Sign up for a library card at your local library. You can check out books about Arizona and learn about the role elections have played in shaping history.
2. Watch the debates as a family and talk with your families about both sides of the issues.
3. Volunteer for a campaign and be a poll worker if you meet the age requirements.
4. Contact a candidate if you have questions by writing them a letter.
5. Ask a family member to take you to the polls when they vote. If they vote by mail, sit with them while they vote.
6. Watch the live election results on the day of the election and color in a map of Arizona to keep track of the county votes.
7. Celebrate election day with some red, white, and blue snacks!
8. Watch live updates and/or the Governor's State of the State address.

YOUR VOICE CAN BE HEARD TOO!

Participate in the Kids Voting AZ Midterm Election.

Visit lawforkids.org/programs/kids-voting-az to learn more.

LOCAL AND STATE MIDTERM ELECTIONS

In Arizona, midterm elections are like a sports draft. Voters get to pick the leaders (candidates) who will take on key roles in the state, like Governor, State Senators, and State Representatives. Just like a team chooses the best players for each position, voters decide who is best suited to make decisions and create laws that affect everyone in Arizona.

Circle the topics that could appear on an Arizona state election ballot. Be careful—some of these topics are federal issues, not state issues!

GOVERNOR

ARIZONA STATE REPRESENTATIVES

U.S. PRESIDENT

U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

STATE BUDGET

ARIZONA STATE SENATORS

SCHOOL FUNDING

FEDERAL TAX CHANGES

Family CORNER

When you spot the Family Corner, you know this is a great time to get your family involved!. Try asking them some questions, find out their point of view on an issue, and gain some insight about what they think!

Tech Time

When you see the Tech Time, you can scan the QR code with a phone or device to play games, complete online activities, or learn more about a topic.

BALANCE OF POWER

Arizona has three branches of government: the **Executive Branch** (headed by the Governor), the **Legislative Branch** (the State Legislature—Senate and House of Representatives), and the **Judicial Branch** (the state court system). All three branches work together to help keep the government balanced.

Find the powers, names, and roles of our STATE and LOCAL government!

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EXECUTIVE BRANCH

GOVERNOR
VETO
EXECUTIVE ORDERS
PARDON

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

SENATE
HOUSE
BILLS
TAXES
LAWS
LICENSING
COMMITTEES

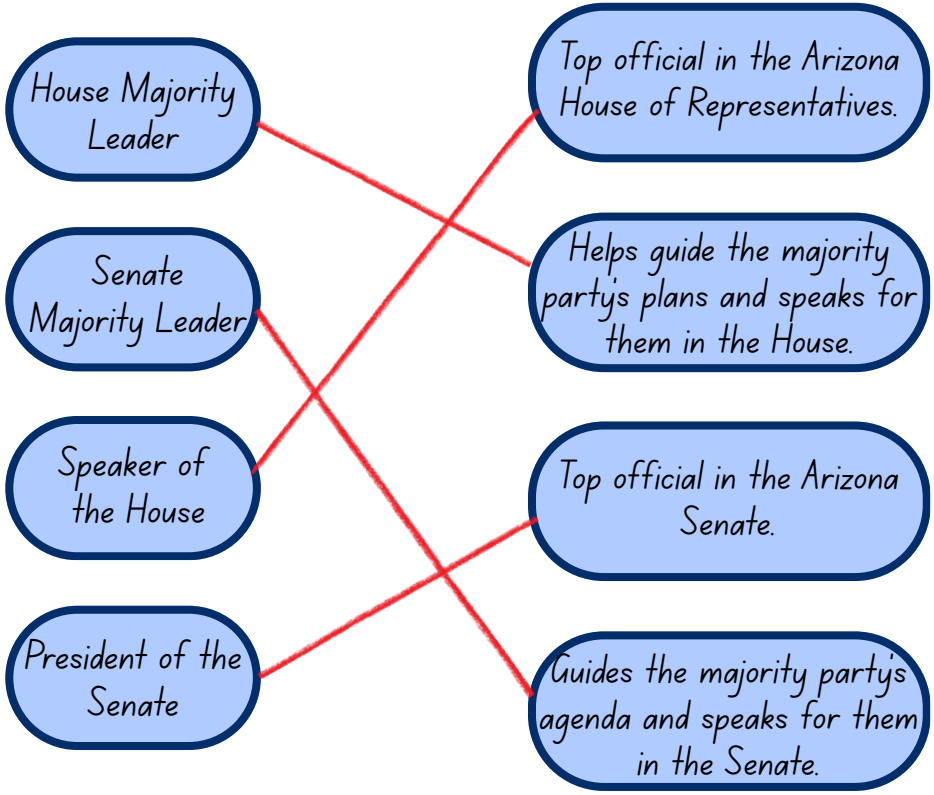
JUDICIAL BRANCH

COURT
JUSTICE
CONSTITUTION
CONTRACT

Tech Time

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

During the midterm elections, voters choose representatives and senators, and whichever party wins the most seats gets to pick some important leadership positions! **Draw a line to match each Arizona legislative leadership position with its correct description.**



With a family member or friend, look up who currently holds these leadership positions in the Arizona state legislature. Discuss which position you think holds the most influence and why.

Family CORNER

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW

If a bill in Arizona's legislature is popular, it can sail through in just 7 steps. BUT if people don't all agree, get ready for a rollercoaster! It might bounce between the House and Senate, get a veto from the Governor, or face a LOT of debate before it finally becomes law.

Number the steps in order of how a bill becomes a law.

Note: A bill can start in either the House of Representatives (House) or the Senate. For this activity, the bill starts in the House.

STEP #

5 If it's approved, the House sends the bill to the Senate where they can approve the bill they were given or make their own changes. If they make changes to the bill, it goes back to the House for their approval after they are done.

7 The bill becomes a law.

2 The bill is given to a House committee for them to read, study, and revise. Next, they make a recommendation to pass the bill, report about the bill to the rest of the House, or table the bill (put the bill on hold until later).

1 A bill is written and introduced to the House to see what they think. This is when the bill is given a number.

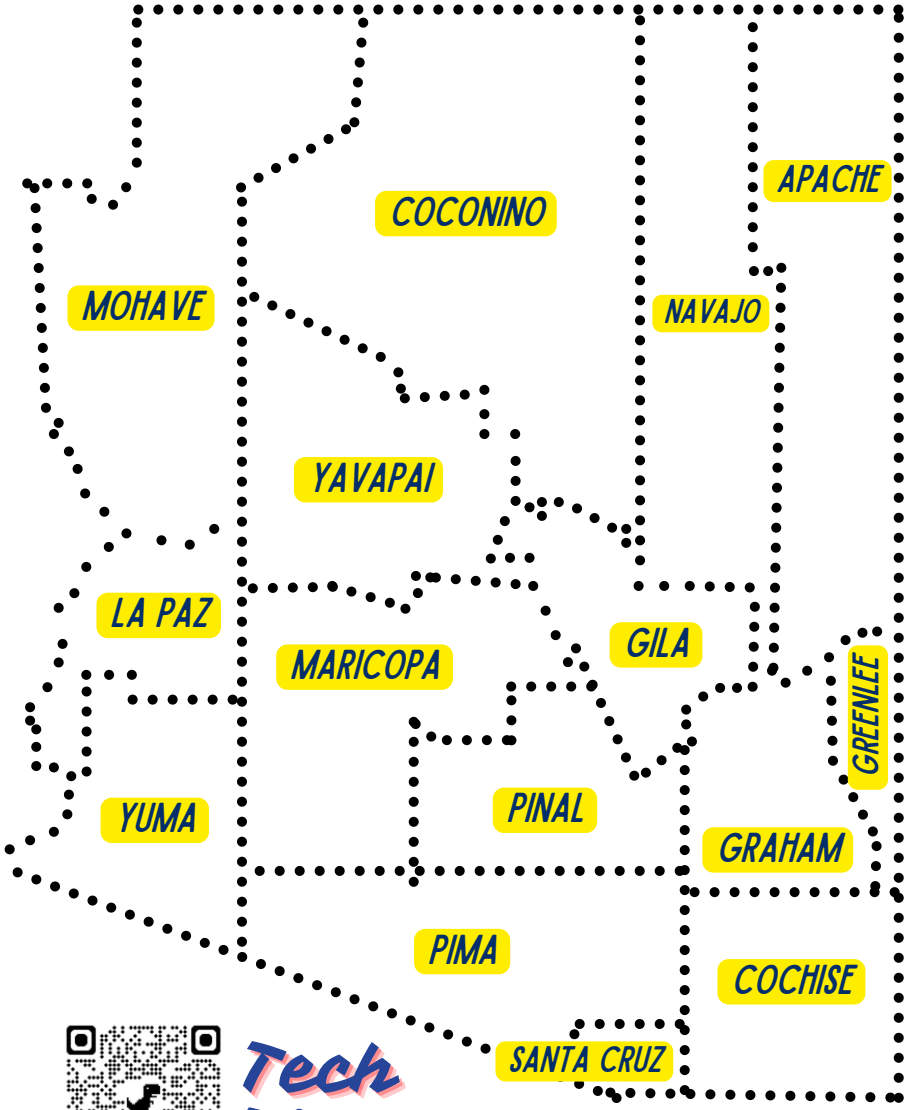
4 The House votes on the updated bill.

3 If the bill makes it out of committee, it is sent to the House for debate and changes.

6 The bill is sent to the Governor for their signature or veto.

ARIZONA COUNTIES

Locate a map of Arizona 's 15 counties and label each county on the map below! Color in or place yourself in YOUR county.



Tech Time

WHAT IS A MIDTERM ELECTION?

Fill in the blanks to show what you know about midterm elections! Use the word bank at the bottom if you need help.

Midterm elections are U.S. elections that happen _____HALFWAY_____ through a president's four-year term. They give voters a chance to choose who will _____REPRESENT_____ them in government even though the presidency is NOT on the ballot that year. In midterms, all members of the United States _____HOUSE_____ of Representatives and about one-third of the U.S. _____SENATE_____ seats are up for election, which helps decide which political party controls Congress and makes laws. Midterms also often include state and local races, such as elections for the Arizona _____LEGISLATURE_____ or statewide positions like state representatives and senators in Arizona's _____30_____ legislative districts. These elections matter because the people elected will help make decisions about _____LAWS_____, budgets, and policies that affect everyday life in Arizona and the nation.

Tech Time

WORD BANK:

legislature laws
Senate 30 House
represent halfway

ELECTION BINGO

Family CORNER

Time to gather family and friends and get ready for the upcoming midterm election—while having some fun! Win the game by completing FIVE (5) Midterm Election Goals on your Bingo Card. The first person to get five in a row must shout or text "BINGO!" to the other players.

FIND Your Closest POLLING PLACE	LOOK UP the Candidates that are running for election	VISIT or CALL someone to remind them to VOTE	Attend a local civic event	CREATE a Reminder in your Phone for Election Day
SHARE/POST/ DOCUMENT an example of CIVIC VIRTUE	PRESENT a 30 second story to someone about Lobbying and what role it plays in our Govt	WATCH a DEBATE that impacts the MIDTERM ELECTION. WDYT?	FIND OUT who can vote with an Absentee Ballot in AZ	HELP at least ONE person besides yourself exercise the right to VOTE!
CREATE a "My Idea of a Perfect Election Day" List	GET CURIOUS! Find out what each Poltical Party is hoping to accomplish.	REGISTER TO VOTE	Identify two local news sources that covers elections	Play a game related to voting on lawforkids.org
RATE your top 5 Issues AND Candidates this Midterm Election	Find out how to become a student poll worker and tell a friend	Find out how many days of early voting AZ offers	PRESENT a 30 second story to someone about PACs and what role they play in our Govt	SHARE/POST/ DOCUMENT an example of Popular Sovereignty
WORK or VOLUNTEER for a CAMPAIGN this Election	MAKE a HELP SHEET of what will be on the Upcoming Ballot	SNAP at least 3 photos of you and your squad getting involved!	Find out what accessibility options AZ provides for voters	Learn how to track a mail ballot after it's sent and write the steps

Reflection: After the game, grab a snack with your family and/or friends and discuss what you learned about the midterm elections. What was your favorite experience? What questions do you still have? How can you work together to find answers or solutions?