

# Prepare to Read

**GENRE STUDY** Informational text is nonfiction. It gives facts about a topic.

**MAKE A PREDICTION** Preview "Learn First! Then Vote!" Voting for good leaders is very important. What do you think this text will be about?

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**SET A PURPOSE** Read to find out about how people choose who will get their vote.



# Learn First! Then Vote!

**READ** What is a candidate? Underline the sentence that helps you understand the word's meaning.

In the United States, citizens vote for government leaders.

Being a government leader is a very important job. People count on them to make careful decisions. Choosing who to vote for is a very important job, too. How do people decide who will get their vote? Let's find out!

First, people think about the issues that are important to them. Building good schools is one example of an important issue. Then people learn about each candidate, or person who is running for office. They ask, "How does each candidate feel about the issues I care about most?" ▶



## Close Reading Tip

Circle words you don't know. Then figure them out.





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Mark important words with an \*.

**READ** What are some ways to learn about a candidate?

There are many ways to learn about candidates. One way is to watch a debate. A debate is a discussion between people who disagree. When candidates debate, they share their opinions about issues.

Another way to learn is to read. During an election, newspapers have stories about candidates. People write books about them, too. Some candidates even write their own books.

When it is time to vote, people think about all they have learned. Then they ask, "Who do I think will do the best job?" Then they make their choice.

### CHECK MY UNDERSTANDING

What are the most important ideas on this page?

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