

"If I Were President" Writing Contest

Savvas Learning Company invites your students to participate in a fun writing contest to celebrate our upcoming election! Students can begin by watching the "If I Were President" video on savvas.com/election, where they will be introduced to the writing prompt.

Submissions will be accepted through Friday 11/1/24.

Steps to Follow:

Watch the Video: Watch "If I Were President" on savvas.com/election.

Brainstorming Session:

Encourage students to brainstorm ideas. They can use the graphic organizer available on the website to help organize their thoughts.

Writing the Essay:

Have students write their essay on the prompt: "If I were the president, what would I do?" Check out our essay templates online! **Contest submissions should be submitted on the template and not exceed 2-sides.**

Need Help?:

Remind students to think about the questions from the video:

- *What does it mean to be the president?*
- *What are the characteristics of the president?*
- *What do you think it would be like to live in the White House?*
- *What would you say to the people who voted for you?*
- *What would you want to focus on as president?*

Review and Submit:

Want to submit your students' essays to the contest? Take a photo or share a PDF (*front and back if they used a 2-sided template*) and submit it through the Essay Contest submission form on the savvas.com/election site, agreeing to the terms outlined on the form.

Additional Tips:

- Encourage students to be creative and think deeply about the responsibilities and opportunities of being president.
- Provide examples and discuss the brainstorming questions to help generate ideas.
- Offer feedback during the writing process to support students in developing their essays.
- *Choosing not to submit your students' work to the contest?* Consider displaying them on a bulletin board, having students present to one another, or encouraging students to share their work at home!

Contest Details:

- All students will receive a certificate of participation and selected essays will be featured on the Savvas Facebook page. (*Featured entries are selected based on content, creativity, and clarity.*)
- *The classes with the most participation will be randomly selected for a Class Inauguration Party including food and activities to celebrate their achievements.*
- *Teachers will also be selected for prizes based on their class participation.*