# Government

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<td><em>Grandaddy’s Turn: A Journey to the Ballot Box.</em></td>
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<td>Life on the farm with Granddaddy is full of hard work, but despite all the chores, Granddaddy always makes time for play, especially fishing trips. Even when there isn't a bite to catch, he reminds young Michael that it takes patience to get what's coming to you. One morning, when Granddaddy heads into town in his fancy suit, Michael knows that something very special must be happening--and sure enough, everyone is lined up at town hall! For the very first time, Granddaddy is allowed to vote, and he couldn't be more proud. But can Michael be patient when justice just can't come soon enough?</td>
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<td>Take children on a journey from Woodrow’s schoolmouse days full of hard work and community service to his time as governor of Moussouri to his bid for president of the United Mice of America, <em>Woodrow for President</em> introduces children to campaigning, elections, volunteering, and more through this fun—and educational—story of one mouse’s dream to become the nation’s “Big Cheese.”</td>
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While their parents- the President and First Lady- prepare for a big, fancy dinner, two little sisters conduct secret interviews to find the perfect pet.

3 - 5  Bruel, Nick. *Bad Kitty for President*. New York: Square Fish, 2012.

Kitty decides to run for president of the Neighborhood Cat Association.


When Duck gets tired of working for Farmer Brown, his political ambition eventually leads to his being elected President.


Election season is here, and Monster is ready to vote! But why cast your ballot when you can run for president instead? With speeches, debates, and a soapbox or two, Monster's newest tale is a campaign encouraging kids to take a stand and fight for what they believe in.


Tired of being near the end of the alphabet, starting few words, and being governed by grammar rules, X calls for a vote on a new Alphabet Constitution, then dreams of how life would be if he became a different letter.


When Grace discovers that there has never been a female U.S. president, she decides to run for school president.

K - 2  Howell, Lauren. *If I was the Mayor*. Winnipeg: Three Bears, 2005.

"If I Was the Mayor" subtly introduces the concept of recycling, with an exciting, new twist, making this book an excellent tool to spark discussions about other environmental concerns and solutions, as well. It is an excellent resource to inspire discussions such as "What does a mayor do?" and "What would you do if you were the mayor?"

Carl and his friends embark on a plan to make the town council extend the hours the park is open.

PreK - 2  

Max and Kelly both want to win the election for class president, but when one of them loses, the winner finds a way to make the loser feel better.

K - 3  

Pearl Moscovitz takes a stand when the city government tries to chop down the last ginko tree on her street.

K - 2  

On Becky’s first day at a new school, she finds that she has a chance to run for class president.

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While campaigning for her favorite meal—macaroni and cheese—in the school’s first ever “Lunch Election,” Caitlin tallies the committed votes in her head.

K  

When Amelia Bedelia runs into her principal, Mr. K., and plants the idea that students should vote on the rules, he decides that her class should be the first to come up with new ideas for running the school.

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Isaiah learns a valuable lesson about citizenship when he runs for student council.

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With Mrs. LaRue injured, and in the hospital, Ike decides to uphold justice and take the laws of Snort City into his own paws.

K - 2  
When the President finds the many pressures of his job to be overwhelming he disguises himself and returns to kindergarten, where he is reminded of the important lessons he learned there.


While the popular Tiffany and athletic Charles make increasingly outrageous promises in their campaigns for President of Canine Country Day School, Otto quietly enters the race, vowing only to try to do what students really want.


As an elderly woman, Lillian recalls that her great-great-grandparents were sold as slaves in front of a courthouse where only rich white men were allowed to vote, then the long fight that led to her right—and determination—to cast her ballot since the Voting Rights Act gave every American the right to vote.

**FICTION**


When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.


Determined to be elected class president, mad scientist Franny K. Stein uses her Atomic Combiner to create a suit that makes her seem to be whatever a voter wants her to be, but the suit has plans of its own.


Exiled to the United States after her father, a Middle Eastern dictator, is killed in a coup, fifteen-year-old Laila must cope with a completely new way of life, the truth of her father's regime, and her mother and brother's ways of adjusting.
| 3 - 5 | Copeland, Cynthia L. *Dilly for President*. Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook Press, 2006. In her journal, Dilly describes her campaign for president of the fourth-grade class, and how she learns to deal with the responsibilities when she wins the election. |
| 5 - 7 | Gallagher, Diana G. *Vote!* Mankato, MN: Stone Arch Books, 2009. Claudia is the campaign manager for her friend Peter. Everyone else is playing dirty to win class president. Can Peter win if he doesn't play dirty? |
| 4 - 7 | Gutman, Dan. *The Kid Who Ran for President*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1996 With his friend as campaign manager and his former babysitter as running mate, twelve-year-old Judson Moon sets out to become President of the United States. |
| 3 - 4 | Gutman, Dan. *Mayor Hubble is in Trouble!* New York: HarperCollins Publisher, 2012. Election day is right around the corner, and guess who's running for class president? A.J. and Andrea! Mayor Hubble is going to teach the kids all the ins and outs of politics, and every vote counts. Who's going to win? Who's going to lose? And who's going to kiss a baby? Ew, gross! |
| 9 - 12 | Hesse, Monica. *The War Outside*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2018. 1944. The war seemed far away from Margot in Iowa and Haruko in Colorado—until they were uprooted to dusty Texas, because of the places their parents once called home: Germany and Japan. At the high school in Crystal City, a "family internment camp" for those accused of colluding with the enemy, the teens discover that the camp is changing them, day by day, and piece by piece. |
Haruko becomes consumed by fear for her soldier brother and distrust of her father's secrets. Margot's watches her mother's health deteriorate and her rational father become a man who distrusts America and fraternizes with Nazis. In a prison the government has deemed full of spies, can they trust anyone—even each other?


Jackson Greene has a reputation as a prankster at Maplewood Middle School, but after the last disaster he is trying to go straight—but when it looks like Keith Sinclair may steal the election for school president from Jackson's former best friend Gabriela, he assembles a team to make sure Keith does not succeed.


In the not-too-distant future, when a gay Jewish man is elected president of the United States, sixteen-year-old Duncan examines his feelings for his boyfriend, his political and religious beliefs, and tries to determine his rightful place in the world.

8 - 12  McCoy, Mary. *I, Claudia*. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Lab, 2018.

Claudia McCarthy never expected to be in charge of Imperial Day Academy but is pulled into the tumultuous and high-profile world of the Senate and Honor Council. Suddenly, Claudia is wielding power over her fellow students that she never expected to have ... and isn't sure she wants. Claudia intends to use her power to help the school, but there are forces aligned against her: shocking scandals, tyrants waiting in the wings, and political dilemmas with no easy answers. She must struggle with the question: does power inevitably corrupt?


Everyone has to run for an office in Mrs. Green's class election.

**NONFICTION**


For the first 128 years of our country's history, not a single woman served in the Senate or House of Representatives. All of that changed, however, in November 1916, when Jeannette Rankin of Montana became the first woman elected to
Congress—even before the Nineteenth Amendment gave women across the U.S. the right to vote. Beginning with the women's suffrage movement and going all the way through the results of the 2012 election, Ilene Cooper deftly covers more than a century of U.S. history in order to highlight the influential and diverse group of female leaders who opened doors for women in politics as well as the nation as a whole.


Find out more about democracy, which countries use it to govern, and learn some positives and negatives about this type of government.


A 50th-anniversary tribute shares the story of the youngest person to complete the momentous Selma to Montgomery March, describing her frequent imprisonments for her participation in nonviolent demonstrations and how she felt about her involvement in historic Civil Rights events.


How can you make your voice heard when you're not old enough to vote? How can you set a good example when someone is picking on you? What can you do to make a difference in your community and in the world? You make a difference every time you help others or set a good example. That's what good citizenship is all about! The questions and answers in this book will show you how to be a great citizen. Get ready to make your voice count!


Using historical text and primary sources discover how governments around the world balance a king or queen with a legislative branch.


Informative, engaging text and vivid photos introduce readers to the U.S. House of Representatives.


Introduces the role of governments in a free enterprise economic system, including the way they raise and spend money, the role of governments in

Examines the Constitutional origins of modern-day political problems and outlines solutions for these issues.


Describes the outcome of the Revolutionary War, including the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights.


Text and photos introduce readers to serving on a jury.


Introduces states and their characteristics.


Provides simple facts about the Declaration of Independence, including how Jefferson did not want to write it, what it is written on, and where it is now kept.

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