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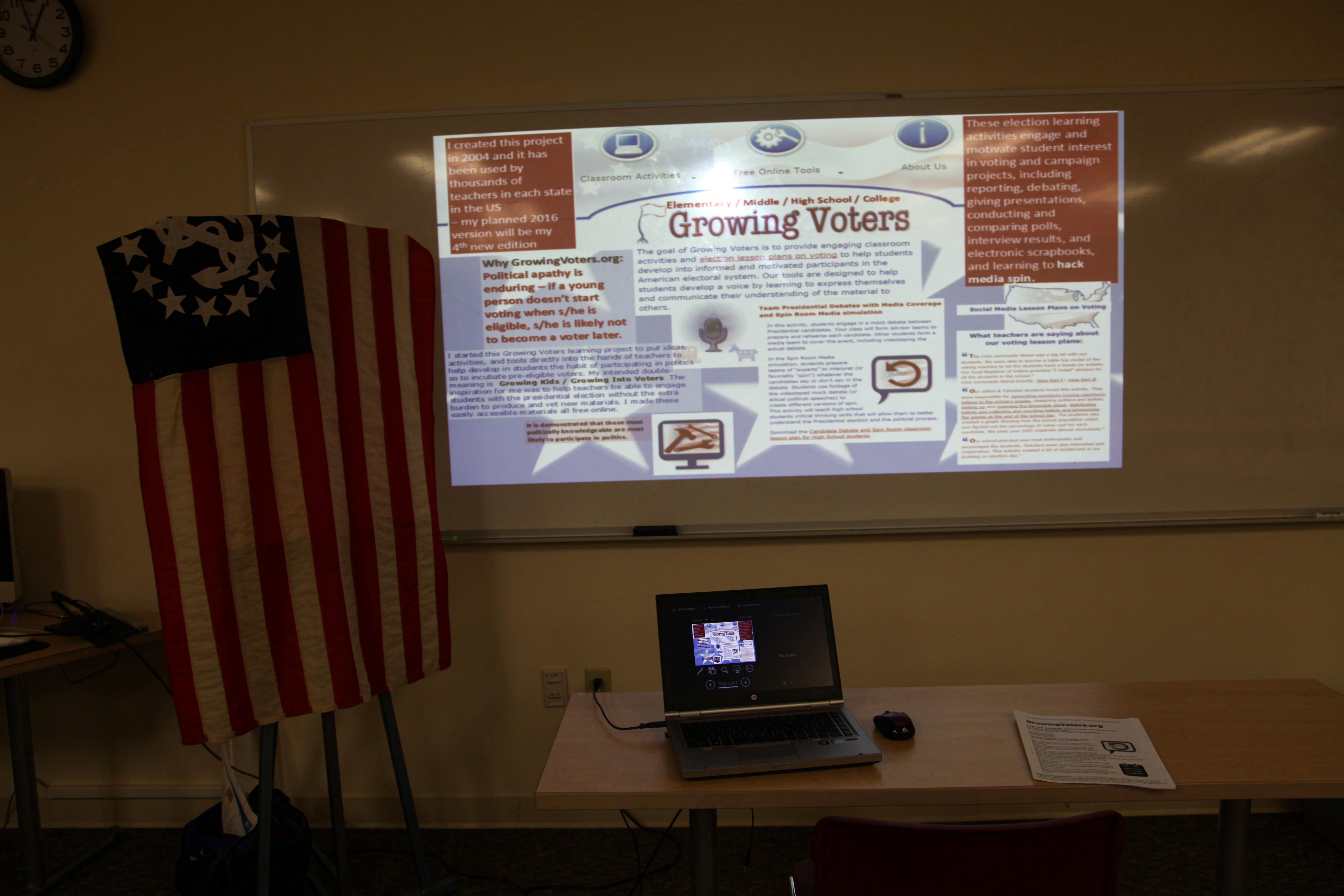
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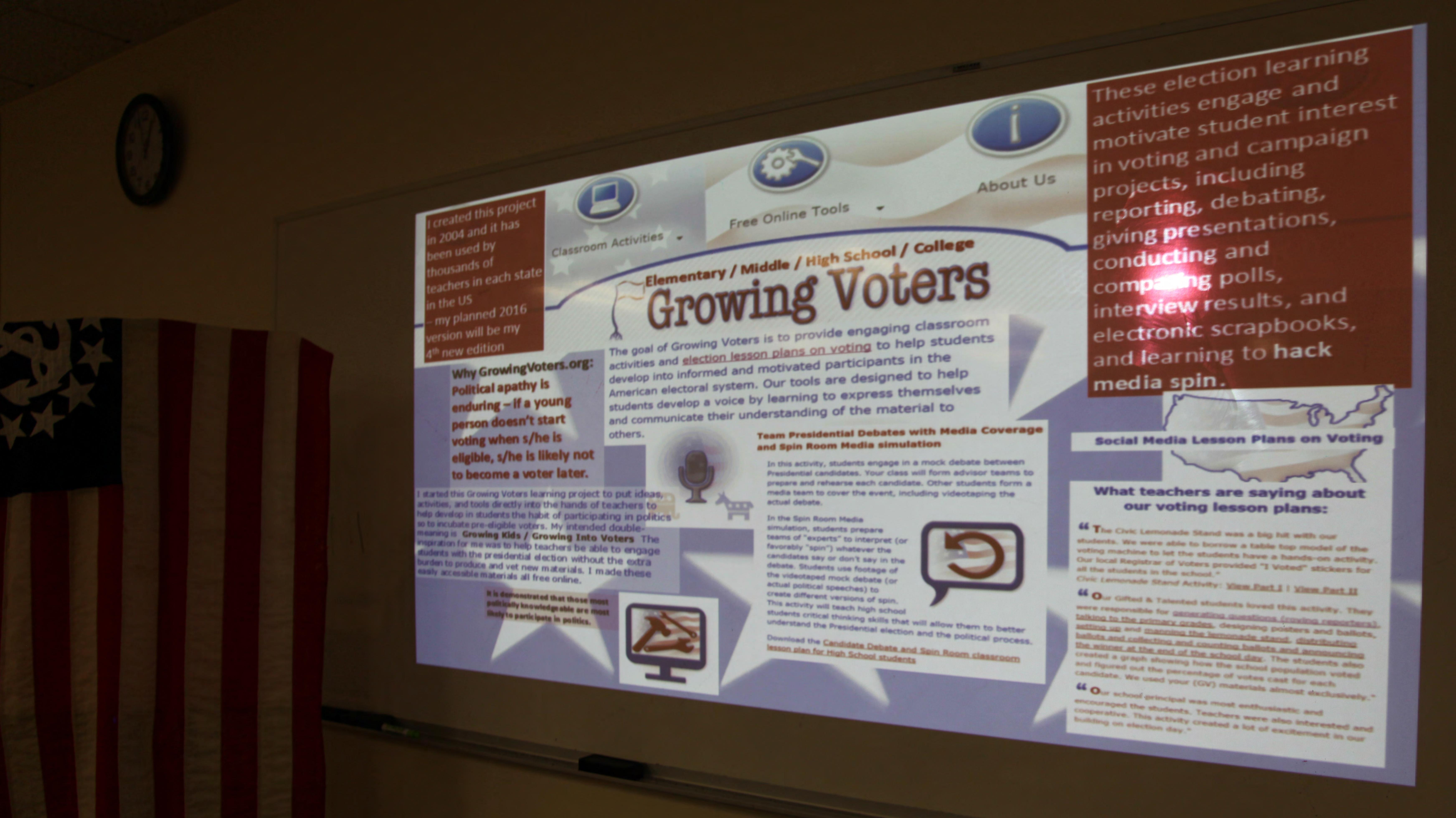
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I created this project in 2004 and it has been used by thousands of teachers in each state in the US — my planned 2016 version will be my 4th new edition







About Us

Classroom Activities -

Elementary / Middle / High School / College

Growing Voters

The goal of Growing Voters is to provide engaging classroom activities and election lesson plans on voting to help students develop into informed and motivated participants in the American electoral system. Our tools are designed to help students develop a voice by learning to express themselves and communicate their understanding of the material to others.

Team Presidential Debates with Media Control

Why Growing Voters.org:
Political apathy is
enduring — if a young
person doesn't start
voting when s/he is
eligible, s/he is likely not
to become a voter later.

Team Presidential Debates with Media Coverage and Spin Room Media simulation

In this activity, students engage in a mock debate between Presidential candidates. Your class will form advisor teams to prepare and rehearse each candidate. Other students form a media team to cover the event, including videotaping the actual debate.

In the Spin Room Media simulation, students prepare teams of "experts" to interpret (or favorably "spin") whatever the candidates say or don't say in the debate. Students use footage of the videotaped mock debate (or actual political speeches) to create different versions of spin. This activity will teach high school



students critical thinking skills that will allow them to better understand the Presidential election and the political process.

Download the Candidate Debate and Spin Room classroom lesson plan for High School students

These election learning activities engage and motivate student interest in voting and campaign projects, including reporting, debating, giving presentations, conducting and comparing polls, interview results, and electronic scrapbooks, and learning to hack media spin.

Social Media Lesson Plans on Voting

What teachers are saying about our voting lesson plans:

The Clatc Lemonade Stand was a big bit with our students. We were able to borrow a table top readed of the soling reaching to let the students have a bands-on activity. Our local Registrar of Voters provided "I Voted" stickers for all the students in the school."

Clote Lacronnade Stand Activity: Mics.Emt.I | Mics.Emt.II

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were responsible for gamerating duestions. Continues and ballots, talking to the primary grades. Seeigning posters and ballots, selling up and manning the luminosale stand, distributing ballots and collecting and countries ballots and collecting and countries ballots and ammunicing the actual of the students also created a graph showing tons the school gapulation voted and figured out the percentage of votes cast for each cardidate. We used your (GV) materials stressed exclusively.

66 Our school principal was receit enthusiastic and encouraged the students. Teachers were also interested and cooperative. This activity created a lot of excitament in our building on election day."

I started this Growing Voters learning project to put ideas, activities, and tools directly into the hands of teachers to help develop in students the habit of participating in politics so to incubate pre-eligible voters. My intended doublemeaning is Growing Kids / Growing Into Voters The inspiration for me was to help teachers be able to engage students with the presidential election without the extra burden to produce and vet new materials. I made these easily accessible materials all free online.

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