



## MARKING A BALLOT

(15-20 minutes)

### OBJECTIVE

Students study and mark sample ballots.

### MATERIALS

Sample *Kids Voting Ballot*

### GET READY

- ✓ Copy a sample *Kids Voting Ballot* for each student. (If you have not received them, check with your Kids Voting contact person.)

### INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Study the ballot with your students. Identify the pictures and issues you feel they can understand.
- ✓ Ask your students to pretend they are at the polls and have them mark their ballots.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ *How did you decide who to vote for?*
- ★ *How do grown-ups decide who to vote for?*
- ★ *Where do they get their information?*
- ★ *What can you do if you don't know who to vote for?* (Ask for help from a parent or guardian; listen to the commercials on TV or the radio; etc.)
- ★ *Where will you go to mark a Kids Voting ballot?*

### MORE!

Encourage your students to take their ballots home and discuss the candidates and issues with their families.

### VOTE QUOTE

“If a nation expects to be ignorant and free in a state of civilization, it expects what was never meant to be.”

– Thomas Jefferson