

HMH ELECTION CONNECTION



Methods of Voting

Voting methods have changed a great deal since the first elections were held in the United States. Today many states offer a variety of voting methods, including the paper ballot, punchcards, and even electronic voting.

Find information on the various methods of voting used in different states and localities. Research methods of voting in the 2000 Presidential election. Then create an oral presentation on your research, and make suggestions on the best method for fair voting.

Research Links

FairVote:

<http://www.fairvote.org/>

This non-profit organization provides updates and materials to help voters better understand the process of voting.

Vote: The Machinery of Democracy:

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/vote/>

This Smithsonian interactive exhibition offers an overview of how ballots and voting systems have evolved in the United States over the years.

Federal Election Commission:

<http://www.fec.gov/>

Established in 1975, the Federal Election Commission provides useful data and current events on our country's election and voting process. Students can find anything related to election and voting on this web page.

Election Decision Methods:

<http://www.ams.org/samplings/feature-column/fcarc-voting-decision>

Here is a look at voting methods from a mathematical perspective. It discusses different ways of voting, and proposes its own solution.

Voting Operations:

<http://aceproject.org/ace-en/topics/vo/default>

A lot of thought and preparation goes into planning and holding an election. Learn about some of the issues and challenges of developing and implementing a voting system as you read this series of articles from the ACE Encyclopedia