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Fall 2008
Election-related
CIC Resources

ON TV: ELECTION 2008 PROGRAMMING

American Politics/Road to the White House 2008 (C-SPAN)*

Alternating series follow current events and feature news, issues, speeches, interviews, debates, and appearances related to the 2008 campaigns. (1:30) (FREE)

Sun	11:30pC	10:30pM	9:30pP	
Mon	12:30aE			
Sun	6:30pE	5:30pC	4:30pM	3:30pP
Sun	9:30pE	8:30pC	7:30pM	6:30pP

Biography (BIO)

Series profiles political leaders, artists, and other famous figures. (1:00) (2 YRS)

7:00aE	6:00aC	5:00aM	7:00aP
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Oct 23 John McCain: American Maverick — Profiles the outspoken former Vietnam POW and current U.S. senator.

Oct 24 Barack Obama — Profiles the U.S. senator and 2008 presidential candidate.

Campaign 2008 Tonight (C-SPAN2)*

Coverage of events, meetings, fundraisers, and speeches associated with the 2008 presidential race and its candidates. (1:00) (FREE)

M, W, F	9:00pE	8:00pC	7:00pM	6:00pP
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CNN Classroom Edition (CNN)*

Episodes of the documentary series CNN: Special Investigations Unit and CNN Presents that are appropriate for classroom use. (:48) (YEAR)

Mon	4:10aE	3:10aC	2:10aM	1:10aP
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CNN Student News (HLN)*

Current events and topical news stories for educators to incorporate into their lessons. Upcoming topics include the 2008 election. (:10) (cc) (YEAR)

M-F	4:00aE	3:00aC	2:00aM	1:00aP
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Nick News with Linda Ellerbee (NICK)

News magazine specials created and produced for kids in grades 4–6. (:30) (10 YRS)

6:00aE	5:00aC	4:00aM	6:00aP
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Oct 17 Kids Pick the President: Tales from the Trail — Profiles young people who are supporting and actively campaigning for Senator John McCain and Senator Barack Obama in the 2008 presidential election.

Interstitials: Nickelodeon will be airing short pieces about the presidential campaign through the end of Oct.

*Air in the same timeslots in Sept & Oct

ON TV: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Biography (BIO)

Series profiles political leaders, artists, and other famous figures. (1:00) (cc) (2 YRS)

7:00aE	6:00aC	5:00aM	7:00aP
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Sept 8 Theodore Roosevelt: Roughrider to Rushmore

Examines the life of the president who pushed for the construction of the Panama Canal, broke the trusts of the railroad barons, and revolutionized America's conservation movement.

Sept 9 FDR: The War Years — Explores Franklin D. Roosevelt's leadership during WWII, including a chronicle of those turbulent years, his battles with isolationists, the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the Yalta Conference.

Sept 10 Gerald Ford: Healing the Presidency — Profiles the "accidental president" who took over after Nixon's resignation and examines how he restored faith in the White House.

Sept 11 Ronald Reagan — Profile of the actor-turned-politician and oldest man ever elected to the U.S. presidency.

Sept 12 Bill Clinton: Hope, Charisma, and Controversy — Exploration of the childhood experiences and political career of the former president.

Sept 23 John and Abigail Adams: Love and Liberty — Profiles two of the most pivotal figures of the American Revolution, detailing their commitment to each other, their participation in the founding of the new nation, and their legacy.

Sept 24 Thomas Jefferson: Philosopher of Freedom — Profiles the public and private life of the statesman, scientist, architect, and president.

Lincoln: 200 Years (C-SPAN)

Series explores the life and legacy of the U.S.'s 16th president in honor of the bicentennial of his birth. (2:00) (FREE)

Sept 6	8:00pE	7:00pC	6:00pM	5:00pP
Oct 4	8:00pE	7:00pC	6:00pM	5:00pP

The Presidents (HIST)

Eight-part series looks at major achievements of U.S. presidents. (1:00) (cc) (2 YRS)

6:00aE	5:00aC	4:00aM	6:00aP
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Sept 30 Washington to Monroe: 1789–1825 — Looks at President George Washington, the revolutionary Founding Fathers, and the Constitutional era. Part 1 of 8.

Oct 1 John Q. Adams to Polk: 1825–1849 — Looks at the era of the common man, Manifest Destiny, and the war with Mexico. Part 2 of 8.

Oct 2 Taylor to Lincoln: 1849–1865 — Looks at the Civil War period and the presidencies of Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, and Abraham Lincoln. Part 3 of 8.

For more information, visit www.ciconline.org

Oct 3 Andrew Johnson to Arthur: 1865–1885

— Explores the defining moments of the Age of Reconstruction. Part 4 of 8.

Oct 7 Cleveland to Taft: 1885–1913 — Looks at an era of unbridled growth and the new breed of men who occupied the White House. Part 5 of 8.

Oct 8 Wilson to FDR: 1913–1945 — Looks at the time of two world wars and the emergence of the U.S. as a superpower. Part 6 of 8.

Oct 9 Truman to Ford: 1945–1977 — Looks at the era that included the Atomic Age, the cold war, and the Vietnam War. Part 7 of 8.

Oct 10 Carter to George W. Bush: 1977–Present — Looks at the Iranian hostage crisis, the Iran-Contra affair, the first Gulf War, the Clinton years, and more. Part 8 of 8.

Save Our History: The President Slept Here (HIST)

Explores the efforts to restore three historically significant homes with presidential connections. (1:00) (cc) (2 YRS)

Oct 6 6:00aE 5:00aC 4:00aM 6:00aP

Save Our History: The Search for George Washington (HIST)

Follows a forensic investigation to create accurate likenesses of Washington at different stages of his life. (1:00) (cc) (2 YRS)

Sept 29 6:00aE 5:00aC 4:00aM 6:00aP

Teddy Roosevelt and the American Century (HIST)

Profiles the 26th U.S. president. (:30) (2 YRS)

Oct 15 6:00aE 5:00aC 4:00aM 6:00aP

GENERAL NEWS

Look for regular campaign coverage and analysis on these networks and programs

**CNN
CNBC
MSNBC**

**C-SPAN
FOX News**

This Is America (ALN)

Host Dennis Wholey and guests discuss the week's top news events and the issues that face America and the world. (:30) (YEAR)

Sept 7 3:00pE 2:00pC 1:00pM 12:00pP
Sept 14 3:00pE 2:00pC 1:00pM 12:00pP
Oct 5 3:00pE 2:00pC 1:00pM 12:00pP
Oct 12 3:00pE 2:00pC 1:00pM 12:00pP
Oct 19 3:00pE 2:00pC 1:00pM 12:00pP

ON THE WEB

eLECTIONS: *Your Adventure in Politics*

Do you have what it takes to run for president? **Cable in the Classroom's** free, online game lets you manage a campaign and learn about the electoral process. Using videos from **CNN Student News, C-SPAN** and **History™**, players navigate their way through primaries and conventions to the ultimate prize: the presidency. **eLECTIONS** is mapped to standards and includes a teacher's guide.

<http://www.ciconline.org/elections>

Kids, Cable, Learning Podcasts

Donna Krache, executive producer for **CNN Student News**, talked with us (MP3, 8.0MB) about this free resource from **CNN**, their contribution to CIC's **eLECTIONS** game and what teachers and students have to look forward to from the organization in the fall.

<http://kidscablelearning.blogspot.com/2008/08/more-elections-resources.html>

C-SPAN's Campaign 2008 Bus. Hear about **C-SPAN's** plans (MP3, 3.3MB) for educator resources during this presidential election. Recorded on the exhibition floor at NECC 2008.

<http://kidscablelearning.blogspot.com/2008/08/from-c-span-bus.html>

C-SPAN's Campaign 2008

Streaming video of all aspects of the campaign, for candidate appearances to campaign ads and an interactive campaign map.

<http://www.c-span.org/Politics/>

C-SPAN Classroom

Lesson plans and multimedia resources that explore campaign ads, key campaign issues, the major and minor party candidates, debates, the electoral process, the electoral college, campaign finances, and polls.

<http://www.c-spanclassroom.org/>

HITN: *Destination Casa Blanca 2008: The Latino Voice in the Presidential Election*

Dialogue and debate on issues important to the Latino community, information about the presidential candidates, and coverage of special events.

<http://www.hitn.tv/destinationcasablanca/>

Nickelodeon's Kids Pick the President online vote

Videos, polls, information about the candidates and voting and the opportunity for kids to cast an online vote during October.

<http://www.nick.com/kpp/>

IN PRINT

Cable in the Classroom Magazine articles about teaching the election.

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<http://www.ciconline.org/cicmagazine-sept08>

Campaign Planning]

Elections and politics come alive when teachers use cable programming and Web resources.

Lights, Camera ... Debate!

How to watch the presidential debates from a media-literacy perspective.

Game of Politics

Get your students onto the presidential campaign trail this season with **Cable in the Classroom's** interactive game **eLECTIONS**.

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<http://www.ciconline.org/cicmagazine-feb08>

Making History

Looking for lesson ideas to help students understand the 2008 presidential campaign? Here are several to try.