



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

AP Government
First Semester Project
Presidential Election Portfolio

Each student will develop a portfolio that tracks the performance of candidates seeking the office President of the United States. **The portfolio will be due on the first class period of December.**

The portfolio is worth a 100-point test grade and must include each of the following entries.

I. Spreadsheet/chart tracking the various polls in key Electoral College swing states on the first and fifteenth of each month. Obviously, this information will be taken from websites such as 270towin.com or realclearpolitics.com, which means you need to make sure you have indicated your source clearly at the top of spreadsheet or, if you use different sites on different dates, the source of that entry on that date. **(25 points)**

II. Summaries of the election at various key dates. You must have an entry for EACH of the following dates. NOTE: While you will turn in a hard copy of the entries in your portfolio, you must also upload a digital copy of the entries to turnitin.com in order to verify the entries were not copied from another student in the class. **(Each entry is worth 5 points. 50 points total)**

August 30	(Summary of the polling data)
September 15	(Summary of the polling data)
September 27	(Summary of the first POTUS debate)
September 30	(Summary of the polling data)
October 5	(Summary of the VP debate)
October 10	(Summary of the second POTUS debate)
October 15	(Summary of the polling data)
October 20	(Summary of the third POTUS debate)
October 30	(Summary of the polling data)
November 9	(Summary of Election Night)

III. Final summary. This summary includes a summary of the entire election process since you started the project as well as your thoughts and ideas concerning the election of the Chief Executive of the United States. While you might include your excitement and/or disappointment as to who won the election, you need to make sure your work remains academic in nature and focused on your learning as well as your thoughts concerning the country as a whole. **(25 points)**