

Election Roles Understood

Analyze how people contribute to a fair elective campaign and election.

CE.8.b “analyzing campaigns for elective office, with emphasis on the roles of candidates, volunteers, the media, voters, and poll watchers;”

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle and label one word or phrase for each role: 1. candidate, 2. volunteer, 3. media worker, 4. voter, and 5. poll watcher. Marking one representative occurrence of each role will help you compare what each person does.

Riverton's Mayor Race

- ① In Riverton's mayoral election, candidate Maya Chen explained her plan to repair sidewalks and protect the town budget. At a public forum, she answered residents' questions and listened to concerns about bus routes. Her opponent, Luis Ortega, mailed flyers that presented different budget ideas. Candidates set goals, share positions, and decide how to respond to issues. They may speak directly with voters, but they must follow campaign rules about funding and messages during the race.
- ② Volunteers helped both campaigns by knocking on doors, making phone calls, and giving out flyers. They could describe a candidate's stated position, yet they should not promise outcomes the candidate has not supported. A local newspaper reporter attended the forum and checked claims before writing an article. A radio host interviewed Maya the next day. Media workers can inform the public, but voters should compare more than one source before deciding what to believe about a claim.
- ③ On election day, voters used the ballot to choose among the candidates. Poll watchers from different parties observed the voting place. They watched procedures, such as opening the site on time and handling ballots correctly, but they did not tell people whom to support or look at a voter's private ballot. If a watcher noticed a possible problem, the watcher reported it through the proper process. Poll watchers help protect fair procedures, while voters make the choices.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did Maya Chen and Luis Ortega communicate their campaign ideas in different ways?

2 What is one useful job volunteers did, and what was one limit on their work?

3 How did media workers help voters learn about the campaign? What should voters do with media information?

4 How can poll watchers protect a fair election without influencing voters?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a five-sentence analysis of a fictional school board campaign. Use one sentence each for a candidate, volunteer, media worker, voter, and poll watcher, and include a responsibility or limit for each role.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle and label one word or phrase for each role: 1. candidate, 2. volunteer, 3. media worker, 4. voter, and 5. poll watcher. Marking one representative occurrence of each role will help you compare what each person does. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Maya Chen and Luis Ortega communicate their campaign ideas in different ways?	Maya answered questions and listened to concerns at a public forum. Luis mailed flyers that presented different budget ideas.
2	What is one useful job volunteers did, and what was one limit on their work?	Volunteers knocked on doors, made phone calls, or gave out flyers. They could not promise outcomes the candidate had not supported.
3	How did media workers help voters learn about the campaign? What should voters do with media information?	A reporter attended the forum, checked claims, and wrote an article, while a radio host interviewed Maya. Voters should compare more than one source.
4	How can poll watchers protect a fair election without influencing voters?	They observe voting procedures and report possible problems through the proper process. They do not tell people whom to support or look at private ballots.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Candidate Jordan Patel explains a plan for safer crosswalks at a forum and answers questions. A volunteer hands out a flyer that states Jordan's position but does not promise a result. A newspaper reporter checks a claim before publishing a story, giving voters information rather than campaign directions. A voter compares the story with Jordan's forum answers before choosing. A poll watcher observes ballot procedures and reports a problem, but never tells voters whom to support.

Accept equivalent descriptions that match the passage's roles and limits. For the open response, accept varied campaign issues if all five roles are accurate and each sentence includes a responsibility or appropriate boundary.