

## Lesson Plan- Election 1912/2016

### Objective:

- Students will research the candidates in the 1912 Presidential election and their stances on major policy issues and compare them to issues that are important to voters today.
- Students will choose a nominee and develop a campaign button that will best represent the candidate and his ideas.

### Standards:

- ODE American Government Standards
  - Federal, state and local governments address problems and issues by making decisions, creating laws, enforcing regulations and taking action.
  - Democratic government is enhanced when individuals exercise the skills to effectively participate in civic affairs.

### Materials

- Web access for research purposes
- Worksheet for recording research and creating campaign button

### Directions:

- **Choose one of the nominees in the 1912 election:**
  - Taft, Republican
  - Wilson, Democrat
  - Roosevelt, Progressive or Bull Moose
  - Debs, Socialist
- **In the box, answer the following questions about your nominee:**
  - If this candidate were running for office today, which of his platform policies would still be applicable?
  - What makes this nominee still relevant today?
  - How would he appeal to the American public? Would he be electable today?
  - Are his platform policies still embraced by his party today?
- **Create a campaign button for your chosen nominee in the circular space provided below, as if he were running for office today.**
  - You can either use the circle and hand-draw your design, or create one on your computer and adhere it to this page.
  - Your button should have the following characteristics:
    - Campaign slogan with clear connection to 1912 platform policy.
    - Candidate's name and party
    - Is aesthetically appealing – images or color.
    - Should show evidence of time and thought spent.