

Groupwork – Elections in the US – The Vice President

Using the document below, prepare both a **poster** AND an **oral presentation** of the American Vice President

Focus on essential information and rephrase as much as possible

What is his/her fonction ? Who chooses him/her ? When ? Who is the current Vice President ?

Who did Donald Trump choose as a VP ?

Also **prepare 5 questions** to ask to your classmates to make sure they listened and understood.

VICE PRESIDENTIAL JOB DESCRIPTION

Ever wonder what it takes to become the Vice President of the United States?

POSITION SUMMARY

The Vice President's primary responsibility is to be ready at a moment's notice to assume the presidency in the event of the President's death, resignation or incapacity.

SALARY

\$230,700 ANNUALLY

BENEFITS

- Use of Vice Presidential residence: Number One Observatory Circle.
- Eligible for same pension as other members of Congress, but must serve a minimum of five years to qualify.
- Use of a private airplane (Air Force Two).
- Use of a private helicopter (Marine Two).
- Protection 24/7 by the Secret Service, inclusive of immediate family members.
- Recipient of Secret Service protection for six months after leaving office.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Duties of the Vice President are at the discretion of the President.
- Participating member of the Executive Branch.
- Performs as the presiding officer of the U.S. Senate. Oversees procedural matters.
- Acts as the symbol of American concern or support.
- Casts the deciding vote in the Senate in the case of a tie.
- Presides over, and certifies, the official vote count of the U.S. Electoral College.
- Drafts and acts as the spokesperson of the administration's policies.
- May head the majority of the impeachment trials of federal officers with the exception of the impeachment of the President of the United States.
- May be tasked to be the advisor to the President.
- May champion a specific policy portfolio.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Candidate must be over 35 years of age.
- Candidate must be born in the United States of America.
- Candidate must be a resident of the United States of America for 14 years.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Education: No education required. Prefer an advanced education degree from a nationally-renowned university in the United States.

Experience: Served in Public Office. Prefer the experience of Governor, Senator or House of Representatives.

DESIRED SKILLS & WORK CHARACTERISTICS

- Thorough knowledge and understanding of the Constitution, the government's workings and strategic military tactics.
- Ability to accept and overcome negativity and rejection.
- Skilled at making tough decisions in a constrained amount of time.
- Capable of sorting through complex matters.
- Must be an exemplary public speaker.
- Served in the military. Deployed to a foreign country.
- Comfortable in high-risk adversarial environments.

OTHER IMPORTANT ASPECTS

- Active participant in multiple public office committees.
- Must be selected by the candidate running for the President of the United States.
- This position is for an initial 4-year term and limited to two 4-year terms.



Kamala HARRIS

About the Democratic VP Candidate

Harris rose from district attorney in San Francisco to the vice presidency in a decade, making history along the way. She is the first Black and first Asian American vice president, having grown up the daughter of Jamaican and Indian immigrants in Oakland, California. Harris went to Howard University before she moved back to California and got a law degree from the University of California Hastings College of Law. She then worked in the district attorneys' offices in Alameda and San Francisco counties before she ran for the top prosecutor's job herself in San Francisco County in 2004. Harris was elected state attorney general in 2010 and won a Senate seat in 2016. Three years later, she launched a bid for president, dropping out before the Iowa caucuses – but winning the vice presidency after Joe Biden selected her for the ticket. As vice president, she has taken on a policy portfolio including abortion, immigration and voting rights policy.

