

S3 Modern Studies Activities World Power- The USA



For those of you going on to study N4/5 Modern Studies next year, and for those of you who aren't, here are a few activities to set the scene about the World Power which we will study – The USA.

 Watch	 Secondary Research	Primary Research 
<p>We all use 'Americanisms' that we have adopted from our neighbours across the pond. Sometimes it's because of family ties and or holidays there but mostly it is because of cultural experiences like the movies, the products we buy, the music we listen to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch the programmes in the playlist to develop your understanding of The USA. • https://clickv.ie/w/lqgm • Try to take notes as you watch. Make a note of the programme title and any key points that you discover. 	<p>We have talked about primary and secondary research methods. You are going to use the links below to find out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The two main parties in the election. • The names of the candidates (those planning to run in the 2020 US Presidential election) and what their policies are. • What a caucus is. • What is Super Tuesday? • How does the winning candidate become President? • What is the Electoral College? • https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-47309795 • https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-51070020 <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>	<p>You are now going to design your own survey to find out what public opinion is on who is likely to win the Presidential election.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the link to create your own Survey Monkey account.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.surveymonkey.com/user/sign-up/?ut_source=megamenu • Design at least 3 questions on the topic of the 2020 Presidential Election to put into your Survey Monkey survey. Send your survey out to as many people as you can politely asking them to answer your questions.

Activity – Use the information you have gathered from your primary and secondary research to prepare a report 1. describing how the Presidential Election works, 2. analysing public opinion about which candidate they think will win and 3. evaluating how useful the www.bbc.co.uk/news and online surveys are as sources of information.

