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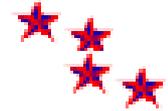
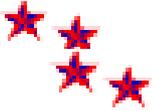
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# The Importance of Voting



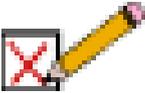
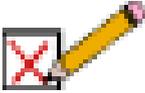
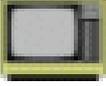
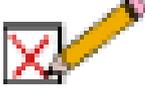
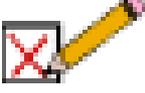
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★ Requires Responsibility

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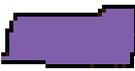


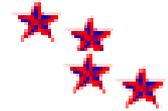
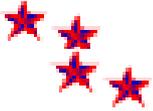
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The word "election" comes from a Latin word that means  "to choose." You make  choices every  day about what to  eat, what to  wear, or what  television program to watch. If a  group of people gets together to make a  choice, we call that an election. When you  choose what you want in an election you are voting. In an election your choice may not  win, but everyone agrees on what the most  people want.

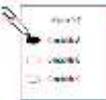
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Has your  family ever voted for where to go out to  eat? Maybe your  class at  school has voted for a  game you would like to play or a  book for your teacher to read. In  Pasco County we have elections every  years. We  for all the  people who  run for  government, like the  president of the  United States, or the governor of  Florida, and the  sheriff of  Pasco County.



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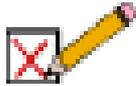
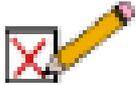
Voting  is one of the most important rights and responsibilities that  U.S.  citizens have, but many  people do not  register to **VOTE** . Others  register to **VOTE** , but do not  exercise their right. By  voting, you tell the  government what you want it to do. By not  voting, you give up the chance to  choose  leaders and representatives that will make things happen that are important to **U** .

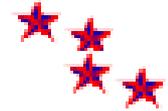
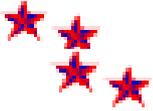
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Throughout  U.S. history important events have been decided by just a few votes.  John F. Kennedy, the 35th  president, would have lost the  presidential race to  Richard Nixon in 1960 if **1** person at each voting  precinct had voted differently. In 1845, when the U.S. Senate voted on whether or not  Texas should become a state, the  result  would have been a tie . Texas  would not have been  asked to become part of the Union.

# EVERY VOTE COUNTS

Pretend there was an  election that would decide the ONLY  fast food that you could  buy in your town. Would **U** be sure to **VOTE** and encourage your  friends, too?

Remember, our  choice does not always  win when we **VOTE** but if **U** don't **VOTE** at all, **U** allow others to make  choices for **U**.



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There are many  ways to vote.

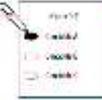
When your  family is trying to decide

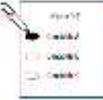
which  restaurant they will go to, you vote

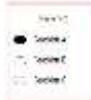
by  saying what you want. At  school you may

vote for your favorite  movie by raising

your  hand. When a lot of  people are voting it

is easier to vote by  ballot. A ballot is something

that you  mark to show your choice in an election.

At the end of the election all the  ballots are



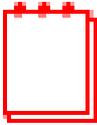
counted to see which choice won .

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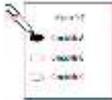
This method of voting is called a "secret ballot" because no one knows how you voted unless you tell them. To

vote for  class officers at  school, you

may  write your choices down on a piece

of  paper or put a  mark beside someone's

name. For official elections in  Pasco County, we

use an optical scan ballot that you  fill in an oval on

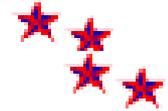
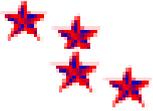
the ballot to vote and place the  ballot into a



optical scanner.

# VOTING BY SECRET BALLOT

Why is it important to **VOTE** by secret ballot? When you vote by  secret ballot, you can make up your own mind about what you want to vote for, and you won't worry about what other people  think.



***THANK YOU***