

GET OUT AND VOTE!

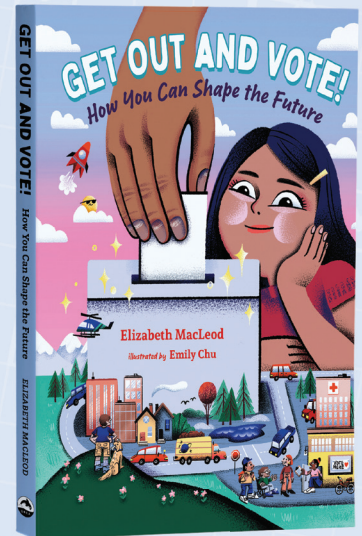
How You Can Shape the Future

Activity Sheet

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Activities

1. Will you vote in the first election you'll be qualified to vote in?
2. There are lots of people in the book who have fought for voters' rights? Which would you like to meet? Why?
3. Imagine you're a candidate campaigning to be elected. Which 8 things would you pack in your backpack? (Think about the number of hands you'll have to shake, the speeches you'll give, the walking you'll do, etc.)
4. List three changes you think should be made to encourage more people to vote.
5. Write to your national, provincial or municipal representative(s). You can find out online who they are and the best way to contact them. Tell them about an issue that concerns you and ask what they are doing about it.
6. Do you think the voting age should be lowered? Give three reasons why or why not.
7. There are many quotes in the book. Which one is your favorite? Why?
8. Do you think it's important to vote? Give three reasons why or why not.
9. Draw a voting machine of the future. Be sure to label all its special features.
10. List ten words that come to mind when you think of voting.
11. Do you think elected officials are doing enough to help the environment? Give three reasons for your answer.
12. Pretend you've just been elected. Write an email to your best friend telling them how you feel and what you're going to do first.
13. What three questions would you like to ask your country's leader?
14. Would you like to be a candidate running to be elected? What problems would you like to tackle?
15. Should there be compulsory voting? Give five reasons why or why not.
16. Draw a scene of something you read about in the book.
17. Will you get involved in the next election at your school, as a candidate, helping a candidate or helping other students vote? Give three reasons why or why not.
18. Write a poem about one of the elections you read about in the book, one of the strange places people have voted or one of the weird ways elections have been decided. The lines in your poem don't have to rhyme.
19. Choose someone in the book who inspires you. List three ways this person motivates and inspires you.
20. Interview your parents, neighbors and relatives, asking them if they vote. What reasons do they give you for their decisions?



Vocabulary

ballot
by-elections
candidate
constitution
democracy
federal
government
municipal
politics
voter suppression



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Include your campaign slogan and what you'll do if elected.

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