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Candidate Profile

Directions: With the large number of candidates campaigning to become the next president, it can be difficult to distinguish various candidates from one another. Using *Online NewsHour* information available at <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/vote2008/index.html> along with other Internet and primary sources, answer each question below and create a candidate profile that describes one of the people campaigning to be president. Be prepared to share your candidate profile with classmates.

Research Questions:

On a separate sheet of paper, compile complete answers to each question below:

1. The candidate I am profiling is: _____
2. The political party this candidate represents is: _____
3. What other political offices has this person had in his/her career?
4. What prior political and leadership experience does this candidate have that makes him/her qualified to be the next president?
5. What is this candidate's point of view on major issues such as:
 - the Iraq War
 - national security
 - healthcare
 - education
 - the economy
 - taxes
 - global warming
 - nuclear weapons
 - other topics of concern to me
6. Read a short biography about the candidate (1-5 pages) and summarize it.
7. Other interesting information learned about the candidate

Candidate Profile Project

- On a poster board, create a profile of the candidate that incorporates all of the information from questions 1-7 above along with at least 1 picture of the candidate.
- Organize the information so others can easily read about the candidate and understand what sets him/her apart from others who are campaigning to become the next president.
- At the bottom of the display, be sure to note when this candidate entered the presidential race.
- Leave a labeled section at the bottom of the display labeled "Campaign Outcome". This spot will be used to summarize the candidate's success in the bid for the presidency.
- Create a "My Point of View" section on the poster board and write 2-3 paragraphs to address the following questions:
 - Do you agree with this candidate and his/her point of view about important topics?
 - Would you vote for this candidate? Why or why not?