## STATE ELECTIONS

Visit your state's official election webpage:

1) How do you vote in your state? – What type of voting method does your state use: paper ballots, electronic voting machines (with or without paper ballots), online voting, mail in voting only (no inperson)?	2) Is there in-person early voting in your state? – and/or early mail in voting? Describe the ways/dates you can vote in your state.
3) What is the difference between mail in and absentee voting in your state?	4) Does your state require voters to show ID when voting in-person? If so, what type of identification is acceptable?
5) Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump supports a return to same day in-person voting with the use of paper ballots, where the voter must show ID/proof of citizenship to cast his/her ballot. Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris supports all the methods used today: mail in voting, early in-person voting, online voting – and opposes requiring voters to show ID to vote. With which candidate do you agree? Ask a parent and a grandparent the same question. Discuss your answers.	6) Look for the sample ballot provided on your state election website. Name the candidates running for federal, state and local office in your state/county/city. Include party affiliation and office for which each candidate is running.
OPTIONAL: In order to make an informed decision on which candidate you support, spend time researching each candidates' positions on the issues. What issue(s) are important to voters in your state and/or local area in one of the upcoming elections you listed in question #6? How do the opposing candidates stand on the issue(s)?	

Visit the Ballotpedia page on state trifectas (ballotpedia.org/State\_government\_trifectas):

## Questions (Trifecta States):

Which party controls the state senate, legislature and the governorship in your state?

CHALLENGE: Follow the results of the November 2024 elections. Which party, if any, lost trifectas in any states? Name the states. Why do you think this is so?