

Campaign Clash



Skills:

Can extract the main points from the arguments and discussions in news and current affairs programmes.

Adults

Group

1 Brainstorm. What do you know about Joe Biden and Donald Trump?

2 Sort these facts into two columns:

1. He is the oldest person to take office as President.
2. He served as Vice President under Barack Obama.
3. He is the only U.S. president without prior military or political experience.
4. He carries a rosary, a gift from his late son.
5. His tower in New York City has a private waterfall.
6. He signed the Violence Against Women Act.
7. He uses Twitter frequently to communicate directly with his followers.
8. He is the only president to be impeached twice.

Trump

Biden

3 Discuss the following words and expressions. What do they mean?

to ace the tests

go through questions

we knock on wood

to be willing

to take him for who he is

I'm in as good a shape as I was

4 Watch the video and answer the questions below.



1. Why did President Trump mention taking cognitive tests?
2. How does President Trump describe his physical health compared to President Biden's?
3. What achievements did President Trump mention to demonstrate his intelligence and physical abilities?
4. What challenge did President Trump propose to President Biden?

5 Now watch another short video and complete the summary:



- President Trump and President Biden met in Atlanta for _____(1) the future of the country.
- Some voters are concerned about President Biden's _____(2).
- President Biden seemed to lose his _____(3), especially when discussing the economy.
- There were moments of high energy exchanges, like when they clashed over _____(4).
- President Trump claimed that Democrats support _____(5), which President Biden refuted.
- The debate highlighted the _____(6).
- Overall, the debate covered various important issues, including _____(7).

6 Brainstorm:

What are the advantages and disadvantages for public figures to engage in personal attacks or challenges against each other?

Correct answers

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Made in “Find Facts”.

1. Biden
2. Biden
3. Trump
4. Biden
5. Trump
6. Biden
7. Trump
8. Trump

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Made in “Open Questions”.

1. President Trump mentioned taking cognitive tests in response to concerns about his capabilities to serve.
2. President Trump describes himself as being in good shape, lighter than before, and as smart as he was 25-30 years ago, contrasting with President Biden's reported measurements.
3. President Trump mentioned winning two Club championships and being able to hit a golf ball a long way to demonstrate his intelligence and physical abilities.
4. President Trump challenged President Biden to a golf match, claiming that Biden can't hit a ball 50 yards.

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Made in “Summary GapFill”. Possible answers:

1. a debate on
2. age and ability to stay focused
3. train of thought during the debate
4. abortion access
5. late-term abortion
6. stark differences in vision between the two candidates
7. healthcare, childcare, and the Supreme Court's decision on Roe v. Wade

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Made in the “Discussion Questions” tool.