



# LEO'S FIRST VOTE!

STORYTIME ACTIVITIES



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### **ABOUT THE BOOK**

Leo's dad has just become an American citizen, which means he gets to vote! He's promised to take Leo with him. With help from their community, the pair learn about polling places, registering to vote, and the most important thing of all: that each vote matters.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR BEFORE AND AFTER READING

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#### **BEFORE STARTING THE STORY**

Before reading the book, hold a class discussion in which students can share what they know about voting:

Who votes?

When and where?

Why do people vote?

Who is elected through voting?

What do people vote for other than government officials?

#### **AFTER THE STORY**

After reading the book, return to the pre-reading discussion and ask students to add to their earlier answers.

Why should children care about voting?

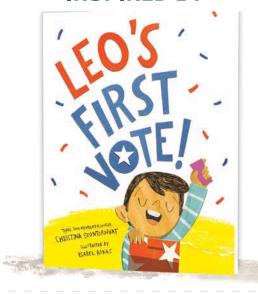
How does voting affect the future?



### **THANK YOU!**

Let the grown-ups who voted for your future know you appreciate them by writing a thank you card. You can give this card to your parents, teachers, librarians, or anyone else who voted.

#### **INSPIRED BY**



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### **ELECTION LANGUAGE**

The book introduces vocabulary that may be unfamiliar. Below write simple definitions for the following words from the book.

WORD OR PHRASE	WHAT IT MEANS
POLLING PLACE	
ELECTION	
CANDIDATES	
DEBATES	
BALLOTS	

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