

News Quiz: Local Election

Reading comprehension & local politics

Grade Level: 9-12

Lesson time: 30 minutes



Overview

Lookout's News Quizzes are a great way to get students interested in local news in an easy and quick way. These quizzes test reading comprehension while getting students more informed on issues and happenings in the community.

How best to use this guide in your classroom

Articles are sorted by topic and updated frequently. Choose an article related to one of your current teachings. Have students read the article, answer the 10 questions and then share any observations. This could be a great way to give students extra credit opportunities in your class, a great lesson to share when you have a substitute teacher and/or a great icebreaker to connect students with local issues.

LESSON PLAN

- Share this article with your students and have them read it. This can be assigned as homework or done in class (10 min)
Cutting through the 'style differences': Kalantari-Johnson, Cummings in a battle for what defines progressive
- Share the questions with your class and have them answer the questions, either individually or in small groups. Find our News Quiz Local Election Questions doc for a printable or shareable document (10 min)
- Using the answer key, you can either grade this quiz or have a class discussion around it (10 min)

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Read through this article and answer the questions below.



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Question 1: What position in office are Shebreh & Justin running for?

Question 2: How many residents make up their district?

Question 3: What are the two main issues facing their district?

Question 4: Who holds the current seat in this position?

Question 5: What are the main differences between Shebreh & Justin?

Question 6: What are the other three key topics being addressed in this district?

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Question 7: What is the top priority from both candidates for mental health in this district?

Question 8: What does Justin Cummings think would help with public safety?

Question 9: What does Kalantari-Johnson think was to blame for home owners still struggling after the CZU fire?

Question 10: BONUS: Which candidate would you vote for? Why?

News Quiz Answer Key



1. What position in office are Shebreh & Justin running for?

A: 3rd District County Supervisor

2. How many residents make up their district?

A: 56,000 residents of Santa Cruz, Davenport and Bonny Doon

3. What are the two main issues facing their district?

A: Homelessness and affordable housing

4. Who holds the current seat in this position?

A: Ryan Coonerty

5. What are the main differences between Shebreh & Justin?

A: They agree on many issues, but their style and pace are very different. Shebreh tends to have homeowner support. Justin has renter support. Shebreh wants fast action. Justin has more nuance, consideration and public opinion.

6: What are the other three key topics being addressed in this district?

A: Mental health, public safety, CZU recovery

7. What is the top priority from both candidates for mental health in this district?

A: Providing enough beds for those in need

8. What does Justin Cummings think would help with public safety?

A: Building out relationships between the community and police officers is key. He also thinks the 24/7 response could play a big factor.

9. What does Kalantari-Johnson think was to blame for home owners still struggling after the CZU fire?

A: Outdated state policies with so much red tape

10. BONUS: Which candidate would you vote for? And why?

A: Personal Response