

WHO WILL BE THE NEXT MAYOR?

Mot: Giuliani or Dinkins -- who would you vote for? Why?

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1. Do you feel the class response is typical of the population in general? Explain.
2. Is it important which one of these people become mayor? Why?
3. How important is "race" in this election? Should it be?
4. What is your impression of each man's image? Who has the better image? How did you decide this?
5. To handout on quotes:
 - a. What does each one mean? Is it true?
 - b. What does this tell us about the election process?
6. What issues divide these men? READ FROM THE VOTER GUIDE
 - Can the class determine which one is Dinkins and which one is Giuliani?
 - What does this tell us about the election?
 - Did you find any real differences between these two men? What were they?
7. How important are issues in winning an election? Do people vote on issues or images? Which is more important?

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Frank Ruffalo (Writer for the New York Times)

Some Quotes From the Recent Election Campaign

1. "Candidates see success as the ability to be all things to all people. They promise \$2 worth of services for the \$1 we have."

- Frank J. Macchiarola, (losing candidate for city comptroller)

2. "Simplistic television commercials and candidates who tailor their views to polls tend to trivialize campaigns to the point where debates, when there are any, are more concerned with the candidates ties, makeup and one-liners than issues."

- Lee Miringoff, (professional poll taker)

3. "Ideologies and strong positions on issues make trouble in elections."

- John H. Mollenkopf, (professor of political science)

4. "Even a knee on the chest of a candidate is not likely to produce strong and realistic opinions on how to solve the crime, drug, education, housing and fiscal issues that cast a pall over New York City."

- Frank Lynn, (writer for the New York Times)

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Wales, Paul. "Why I Would Have Been a Much Better Mayor Than These Clowns." *The New York Daily News*, October 27, 1989, p. 3.

For a newspaper article without an author.

"Anonymous Write-In Vote For Paul Wales." *New York Daily News*, November 7, 1989, p. 4.

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ELECTION OF 1989 -- MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY

The mayoralty election of 1989 is an important event facing all New Yorkers. We have a responsibility to familiarize ourselves with the positions of the candidates and their visions for our city.

Would you support David Dinkins, Rudolph Giuliani, or Ronald Lauder for mayor of New York? Support your choice in a well-written essay of 3-5 typed pages. Consult newspapers, magazines, nightly news programs, and any televised debates for information.

You should consider the past performance and present policies of the candidates on as many of the following issues as possible:

- a. Crime
- b. Drugs
- c. Education
- d. Civil Rights
- e. Corruption
- f. Visions for the future of the city
- g. Relationship to political party
- e. Housing and the homeless
- f. Taxes
- g. Race relations
- h. A.I.D.S.
- i. Leadership qualities
- j. Friends and advisors
- k. Women's issues

Special Notes:

1. All papers are to be double-space typed, or neatly printed.
2. The first page must be the title page.
3. Use one side of a page only.
4. Proofread for grammatical, spelling, and typing errors.
5. Indicate on the title page which candidate you support for mayor.
6. The last page must be a bibliography page in which you will list a minimum of 3 newspaper articles that you consulted in order to write this paper. Here are some examples of proper bibliographic form:

For a newspaper article with an author:

Weiss, Paul, "Why I Would Have Been A Much Better Mayor Than These Clowns," The New York Post, October 27, 1989
p. 5.

For a newspaper article without an author:

"Enormous Write-In Vote For Paul Weiss," New York Daily News,
November 7, 1989, p. 1.

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