



Maggie's Civics Corner

Lesson #5

Maggie Says...

Today's lesson is Learning about being a President: I always like to see dogs in the media. I really liked learning about President Obama's dog Bo. Since Presidents are leaders, Bo must be a special dog to be chosen to be a President's pet. I was the First Dog of Pennsylvania when my Dad was Governor. Check out information on all Presidential Pets at <https://www.whitehousehistory.org/white-house-pets>

Sticky Situation: Your school has decided to create a Student Council, a group of student leaders who meet regularly to discuss school issues. A student who is new to your class has decided to run for President of your Student Council. Some of your classmates think it is a good idea to have someone with a new point of view become a leader in your school. Others feel that the person who is President of the Student Council should be someone who knows a lot about the school and the people who are in it. What do you think and what could you say to convince others to agree with you?

Activity: I am not just interested in the pets our Presidents have had over the years, although some of them have been pretty interesting. I am also interested in other facts about our Presidents. As a dog, every one of my years is counted as 7 years in human life. I often wonder if I get smarter with age, or if I was smarter when I was younger. Think about this: There are three requirements for running for President of the United States including: an individual has to be at least 35 years of age; an individual has to be a natural born U.S. citizen; and an individual has to be a resident in the U.S. for at least 14 years. Do you think 35 is a good age requirement or should it be higher or lower? Be prepared to support your answer.

Civic Resources: For additional information on the President go to: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/>