

# President

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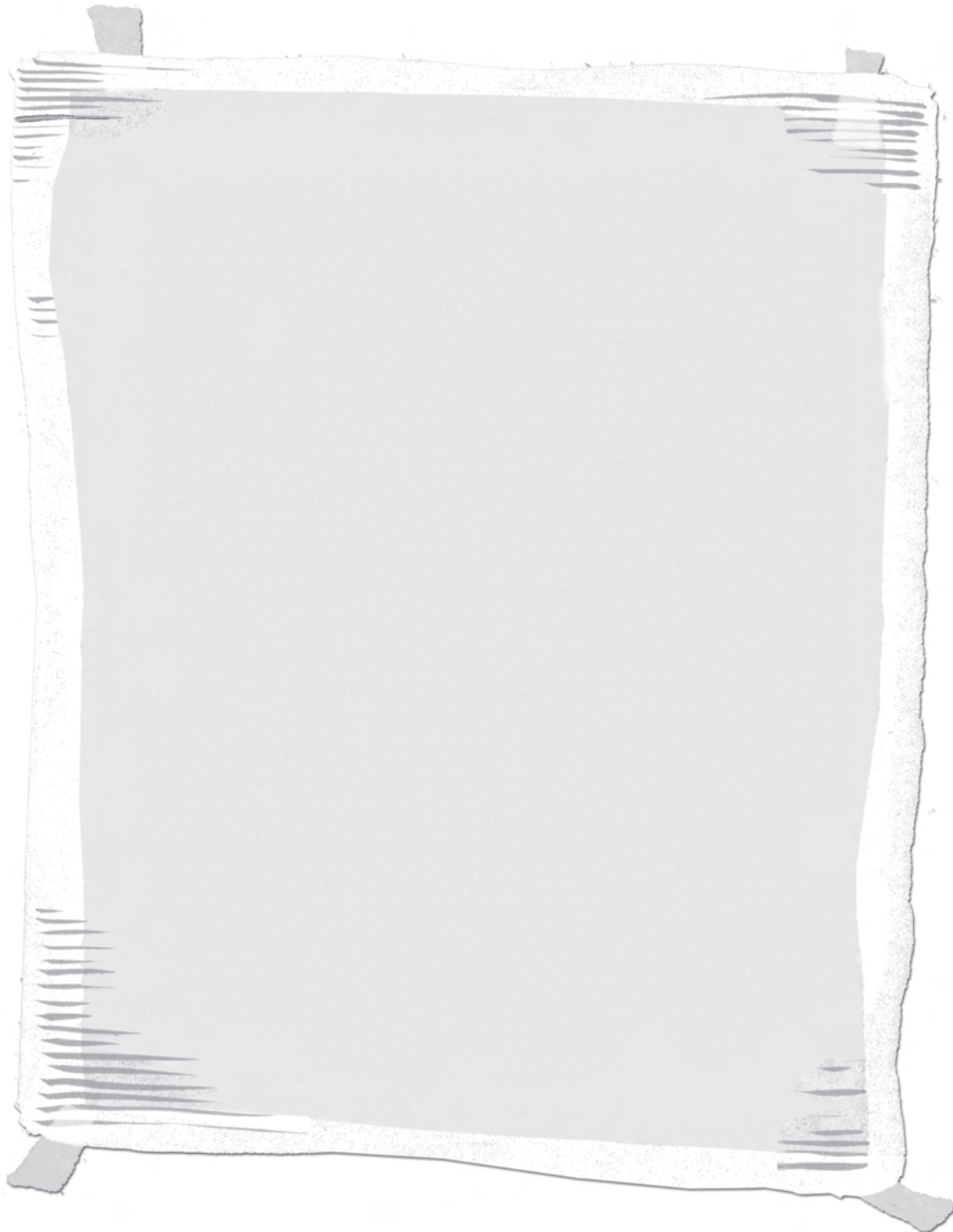


Major Achievements



# Make Your Own Campaign Poster!

Take a look at your “platform” again. What are your campaign promises? Can you fit your idea into one short sentence about you and what you stand for? For example, if you want to save a local park, you could write “Trees for today, trees for tomorrow,” with your name, to communicate your message. Create a campaign slogan, and make your own miniposter below.



# Building a Platform

Grace listens to the issues and comes up with solutions to create her campaign platform. Interview three people, such as a classmate, friend, teacher, family member, or neighbor, and ask each person about what is important to them and what “issues” they care about. Listen carefully to what they say, and take notes.

CAMPAIGNING	CAMPAIGNING	CAMPAIGNING
Who: _____	Who: _____	Who: _____
Important Issues: _____ _____ _____	Important Issues: _____ _____ _____	Important Issues: _____ _____ _____

Next, look at the issues. Put a star (\*) next to those that you can do something about. For example, if your teacher is concerned about the environment, think of ways you can help recycle in your school and neighborhood. Put your solutions in the blanks below, and these can be your campaign promises:

PROMISES
_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

These solutions are the building blocks of your platform for the campaign. Practice making a speech, promising to take the actions you have written above. You’re on your way to becoming president!

# Hail to the Chief

**Hail to the Chief we have chosen for the nation,**

**Hail to the Chief! We salute him, one and all.**

**Hail to the Chief, as we pledge cooperation**

**In proud fulfillment of a great, noble call.**

**Yours is the aim to make this grand country grander,**

**This you will do, that's our strong, firm belief.**

**Hail to the one we selected as commander,**

**Hail to the President! Hail to the Chief!**

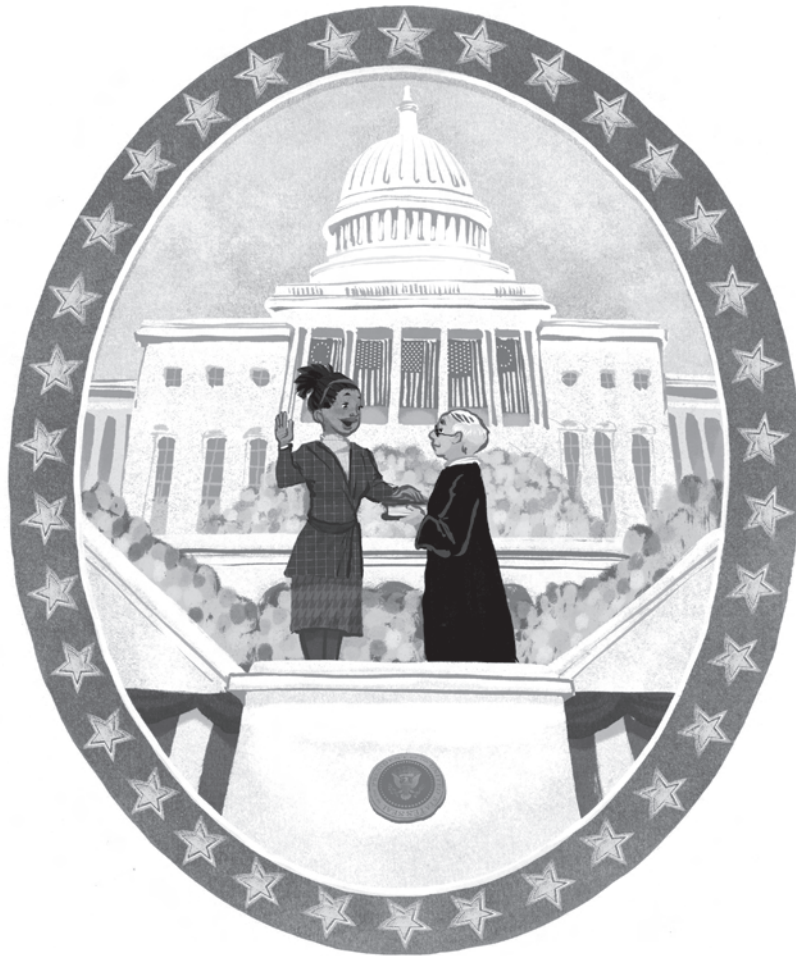
"Hail to the Chief" is traditionally played by the United States Marine Band to announce the ceremonial entrance of the commander in chief—the president of the United States. While "Hail to the Chief" is played at various functions and times during the year, the song did not start out as a presidential march. It was originally written by an English composer named James Sanderson for a stage adaptation of Sir Walter Scott's poem, *The Lady of the Lake*. The song was first performed in the U. S. in 1812. The tune for the song, however, may have been borrowed from an old Scottish melody.

"Hail to the Chief" had been played in the White House under Presidents Jackson, Van Buren, and Tyler, but it was first used ceremonially to honor President James Polk at his inauguration in 1852 and has been used ever since to announce the ceremonial entrance of U.S. presidents.

# Have Your Own Election!

In *Grace for President*, two classes have their own election based on the electoral college system. Use the blocks below to have your own election. Just as in the book, the number below each state indicates that state's number of votes in the electoral college.

Alabama	9	Montana	3
Alaska	3	Nebraska	5
Arizona	10	Nevada	5
Arkansas	6	New Hampshire	4
California	55	New Jersey	15
Colorado	9	New Mexico	5
Connecticut	7	New York	31
Delaware	3	North Carolina	15
D.C.	3	North Dakota	3
Florida	27	Ohio	20
Georgia	15	Oklahoma	7
Hawaii	4	Oregon	7
Idaho	4	Pennsylvania	21
Illinois	21	Rhode Island	4
Indiana	11	South Carolina	8
Iowa	7	South Dakota	3
Kansas	6	Tennessee	11
Kentucky	8	Texas	34
Louisiana	9	Utah	5
Maine	4	Vermont	3
Maryland	10	Virginia	13
Massachusetts	12	Washington	11
Michigan	17	West Virginia	5
Minnesota	10	Wisconsin	10
Mississippi	6	Wyoming	3
Missouri	11		



The sheet music for "Hail to the Chief" can be viewed, listened to and downloaded for a small fee at [www.sheetmusicdirect.us](http://www.sheetmusicdirect.us)

