

Michael Dukakis runs for president

1988 | Grade 2 · Read & notice

Words to know

election — a process in which people vote to choose leaders or decide questions

campaign — organized work toward a goal, such as winning an election

represent — speak or act for others

Look closely



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Read the story

Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis became the Democratic presidential nominee. He lost the general election to George H. W. Bush. The campaign connected state leadership with national politics.

Think, talk, and show evidence

1. What happened in this reading? Tell one fact.
2. Who or what is this reading mostly about?
3. Choose a word from the word bank. Explain it in your own words.
4. Look at the picture and its caption. What does it help you notice? Is it from the time of the event?

Follow-up reading: Wôpanâak language reclamation

1993

Wampanoag community members began organized work to bring their language back into everyday use. Jessie Little Doe Baird helped lead the effort. Old written records and community learning became important resources.

How are the two readings alike or different? Tell a partner one connection. Which event came first?

Teacher guide & source trail

Original classroom adaptation. Suggested reading levels are instructional choices, not standardized readability certifications. Use professional judgment and learner feedback.

ELA practice: RI.2.1: ask and answer questions; RI.2.2: identify a main topic; RI.2.7: use images and words; W.2.2 and SL.2.1: explain and discuss.

These tasks support selected skills in the [Massachusetts 2017 ELA framework](#); they do not establish mastery of an entire standard.

Answer guidance

Factual anchor: Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis became the Democratic presidential nominee. He lost the general election to George H. W. Bush. The campaign connected state leadership with national politics. Winning a party nomination is different from winning the presidency. Compare campaign claims with records and outcomes. Political disagreement does not remove the need for accurate evidence.

Accept accurate main ideas and explanations supported by the text. Vocabulary meanings are in the opening word bank. For picture questions, use the caption and credit below; distinguish what is visible from what is inferred. For comparison, accept a specific connection supported by both readings. Do not require personal accounts of trauma.

Continue the inquiry

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[Event page, accessible HTML reading, and vocabulary game ↗](#)

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