

# Deval Patrick becomes governor

2007 | Grade 2 · Read & notice

## Words to know

**represent** — speak or act for others

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

**government** — the system that makes and carries out public decisions

## Look closely



Modern topic illustration created for Massachusetts History Explorers. It is not a historical artifact.

## Read the story

Deval Patrick took office as Massachusetts governor. He was the state's first Black governor. His inauguration marked a change in representation. A governor's work also needs study through policies and decisions.

## 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: Mashpee Wampanoag federal recognition

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The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe gained federal recognition. Tribal members had worked for many years toward this outcome. The community's identity and history existed long before the federal decision.

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:** Deval Patrick took office as Massachusetts governor. He was the state's first Black governor. His inauguration marked a change in representation. A governor's work also needs study through policies and decisions. Patrick won election in 2006 and took office in 2007. Representation is one important part of a political history; examine governing records and public debates as well as a milestone.

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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