

If I Were President Discussion Guide

Discussion questions

- ★ Would you want to be president of the United States? Why or why not?
- ★ What is the best thing about being president?
- ★ What makes a good president?
- ★ What would you do if you were president of the United States? What kinds of laws or rules would you like to make?
- ★ Presidents get to suggest ways to change things they think are wrong. If you were president of your class or your community, what would you like to change?
- ★ All of our presidents so far have been men. Do you think a woman will be president some day? Would a woman do the job differently from a man? In what ways?

Share your experience as a woman leader

- ★ Tell the students what elected office you hold and explain what that particular office's job entails.
- ★ Why did you run for office?
- ★ Describe what a typical day as an elected leader is like.
- ★ What is the best part of your job?
- ★ What did you do before you were an elected official? How did that help you to do a good job, now that you're elected?

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- ★ Multimedia resources on women and public leadership for all ages;
- ★ Women who've run for president, starting with Victoria Woodhull in 1872;
- ★ Lesson modules on *Women and the Presidency* and many more.

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About Teach a Girl to Lead™



If a girl can't imagine a woman leader, how can she become one? And if a boy sees only men in leadership roles, what will convince him to support aspiring women leaders? **Teach a Girl to Lead™ (TAG)** provides tools and resources to educators, leaders of youth-serving groups, media outlets, and parents who want to help young people rethink leadership with women in the picture.



The Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) created TAG to inspire girls and young women to follow in the footsteps of women leaders, past and present. Making women's political leadership visible to America's youth will help both girls and boys grow up with more inclusive ideas about who can lead.

CAWP is recognized as the nation's premier resource on all things women and politics. As the world has watched Americans considering female candidates for the nation's highest offices, CAWP's 45 years of analyzing and interpreting women's participation in American politics have provided a foundation and context for the discussion.

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