



Pedagogical Guidelines

My poster on Democracy

INTRODUCTION

Poster

A poster combines a picture with a short text (slogan). It is easy to understand if the image and the message are coherent and appeal to the target group.

In this way, pupils may create any piece of art – drawings, paintings, collages, caricatures or digital art.

Democracy

It is not only a model of good governance but a value that is deeply rooted in European history. It stands for the way how citizens of Europe organize their life together on regional, national and European level. This has not always been the case in the history of Europe, but many of the pupils are too young to have been witnesses of other times. Many take peace, solidarity and freedom for granted parts of their personal life. The main aim of this competition is to understand what democracy means for European citizens and to strengthen democratic values in the EU. Democracy in itself is a more abstract term. Therefore you should invite your pupils to find examples that are related to this theme. They can deal with European integration, citizenship, achievements and benefits of the EU. They should also think of the future of the EU.

Evaluators will get a set of criteria related to the age group to select the winners.

Participants:

- Only individual pupils can submit, no group contributions will be accepted.
- Only registered secondary schools can participate.
- All entries must be submitted on the portal.

See the rules and criteria in a separate document by clicking on 'Rules' from the entry page of this activity.

Time line: Pupils can begin their activities now and upload them from 26 March until 9 May 2007.

Languages: Mother tongue - and translation into English or French or German

Submission: Poster and a slogan

Size of contributions:

Picture image files – jpg, gif

Max. 800 px wide

Max. 600 px high

3 MB

Text

Max. 100 characters in mother tongue

Max. 100 characters in English or French or German

STEP BY STEP SUGGESTED GUIDELINES

Take part



In the classroom

- 1) You first need to give the pupils some background information about Democracy and its importance for the EU. They need to know about its historical origin and background.
- 2) Regarding the EU pupils should understand that democracy has a multilayered meaning: it is a European value and a model of good governance; it is reflected in Plan D and closely related to EU citizenship. It links historical and future aspects of the EU. Feel free to select another aspect you would like to focus on with your class.
- 3) Your pupils choose an example that best expresses their concept of democracy in relation to the EU. They prepare either a drawing, painting, collage, caricature or digital art.
- 4) They find a slogan for their poster. They can also proceed the other way round and express their slogan in a picture.
- 5) Your pupils have to be aware that their picture and text should complement each other and that both should be understood by an international audience.
- 6) You give guidance on how the pupils can best express their view.
- 7) You can scan the painting or take a digital photo before the picture is submitted to the portal together with the name.



Submit your contribution

- 8) You first need to login with your password and logon you received when registering for Spring Day 2007.
This is necessary to allow only schools to participate and to keep this website safe for children.
- 9) Fill in the slogan in your mother tongue. Please make sure that it does not have more than 100 characters.
- 10) Fill in the slogan in either English, French or German with no more than 100 characters.
Select the language of your translation in the drop down menu.
This is important as a moderator will automatically get notice of your submission and see that everything has been correctly submitted before publishing it on the portal.
- 11) Upload your picture. You can either scan it before or take a digital photo.
- 12) Fill in the name of your pupil. Please make sure that you just mention the first name and the initial of the last name for safety reasons.
- 13) You need to tick off the 'legal policy' box.
- 14) Afterwards you have the possibility to check if your entries are correct and make necessary changes.
- 15) When everything is correct you submit and leave the submission form.



Search for other contributions

If you want to see what other pupils have submitted you start from the entry page of the activity.

Here you find the latest 10 entries. You can search for more:

- 1) Click 'Search' and select a country in the drop down menu.
- 2) You will find all the entries that have been submitted by schools in this country.
- 3) If you click the small picture in the gallery it will be enlarged in a new window.

4) Click on 'Back' if you want to leave the contribution.



Copyright and safety regulations:

The teacher needs to make sure that:

- The text is an original text of his/her pupil and is not taken from somebody or somewhere else,
- Quotations are marked as such and its origin is mentioned,
- The uploaded file is free of use and not bound to any copyright regulations.

Only the first name and the initial of the last name of the pupil can be mentioned on the website in order to keep the privacy of the pupil.

No photos of pupils can be submitted without parental authorization.