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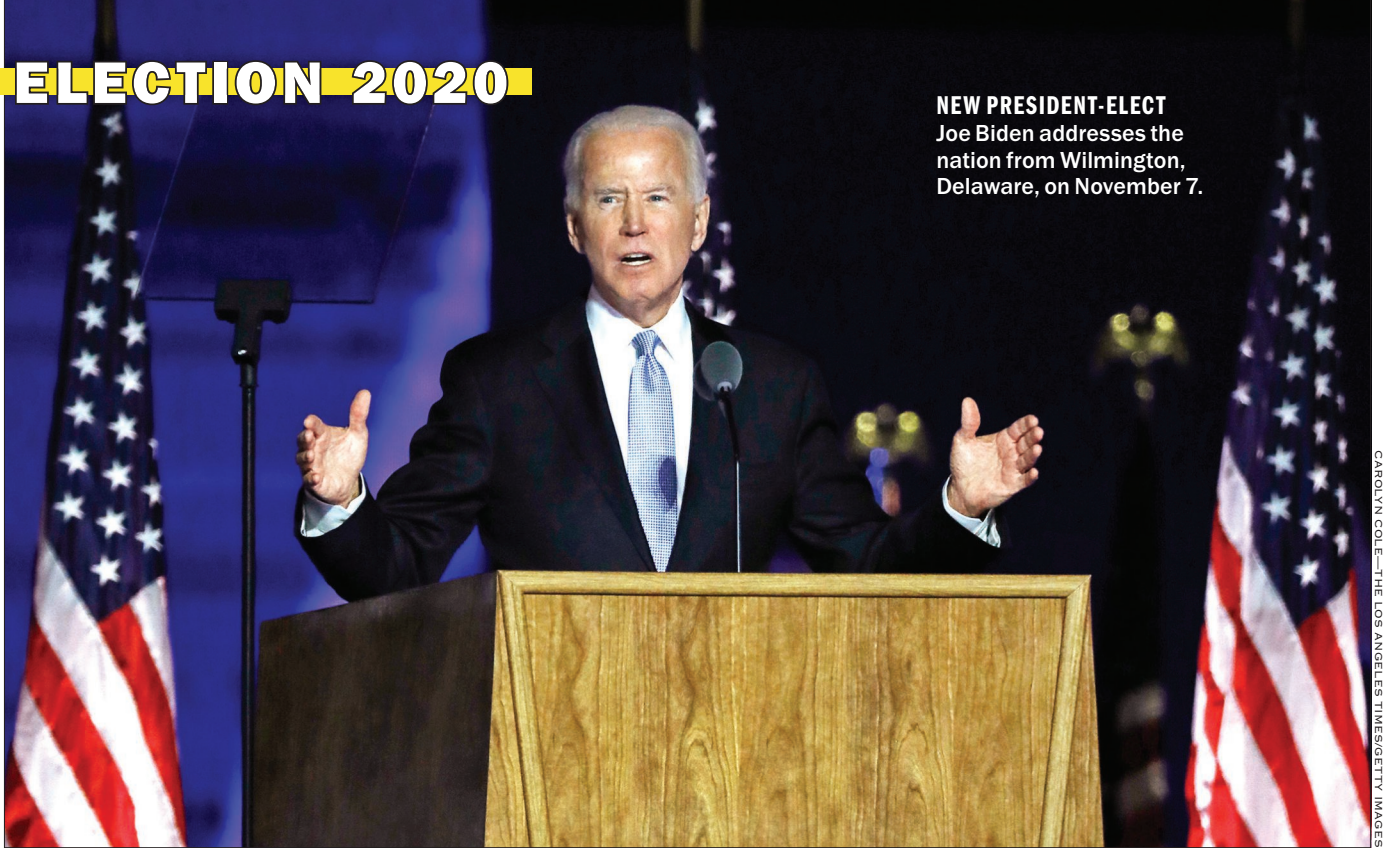
JOE BIDEN AND KAMALA HARRIS

PRESIDENT-ELECT AND
VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT
OF THE UNITED STATES

November 7, 2020



NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT
Joe Biden addresses the nation from Wilmington, Delaware, on November 7.



CAROLYN COLE—THE LOS ANGELES TIMES/GETTY IMAGES

> U.S.

BIDEN ELECTED PRESIDENT

TIME for Kids reports on the results of the 2020 presidential election.

Former vice president Joe Biden has won the 2020 presidential election. He will become the 46th president of the United States. His running mate, Kamala Harris, will become vice president. The two will be sworn in on Inauguration Day. That's January 20, 2021.

The Associated Press announced Biden's win on November 7, four days after Election Day. Biden was named the projected winner after he took the state of Pennsylvania. That pushed his total number of electoral college votes past 270. To win the presidency, a candidate needs at least 270 out of 538 electoral votes.

Later that day, Biden also won the state of Nevada. That took his total number of electoral votes to 290. After winning Alaska on

November 11, President Donald Trump had 217 electoral votes. At press time, a winner hadn't been announced in Georgia and North Carolina. Officials are still counting ballots, but these states don't have enough electoral votes to change the outcome of the race.

Biden has won the popular vote, too. As of November 12, Trump had about 72 million votes while Biden had about 77 million.

"America, I'm honored that you have chosen me to lead our great country," Biden wrote on Twitter on November 7. "The work ahead of us will be hard, but I promise you this: I will be a President for all Americans—whether you voted for me or not. I will keep the faith that you have placed in me."

At press time, Trump had not conceded the election. He has said he will challenge the results in court. Throughout the election,

Trump expressed doubt about the country's mail-in voting system. But there has been no evidence of a widespread problem.

Americans voted in record numbers. The percentage of eligible voters who cast a ballot was the highest it has been since 1900. In some states, the candidates' vote tallies were not far apart. Recounts are expected. Georgia's secretary of state has already announced that the state will recount its ballots. And the Trump campaign has said it will request another count in Wisconsin. Electoral college rules say states should complete recounts by December 8. —By Allison Singer



Stop and Think!

WHAT questions do you have after reading this article? What information would you expect a future article on this subject to include?

> FOR THE RECORD

Kamala Harris has made history. She's the first woman and the first person of color to be elected vice president of the United States. (Turn the page to learn more about her.) Harris isn't the only person breaking barriers in the 2020 election. A diverse group of leaders was elected to Congress by the highest number of voters in U.S. history. Here are a few examples of why this election is one for the record books.

HISTORIC FIRSTS



Michelle Steel

Steel and Strickland are the first Korean-American women elected to Congress. Steel will represent California. Strickland will represent Washington State.



Marilyn Strickland



Cori Bush

Bush is the first Black woman to represent Missouri in Congress.



Deb Haaland

Haaland, Herrell, and Leger Fernandez will represent New Mexico. It is the first state to elect only women of color to the House of Representatives.



Yvette Herrell



Teresa Leger Fernandez



Mondaire Jones



Ritchie Torres

Jones and Torres are the first openly gay Black men in Congress. Both will represent New York.



Mondaire Jones @MondaireJones • November 4

Growing up, I never imagined someone like me could run for Congress, let alone get elected. To grow up poor, Black, and gay is to not see yourself anywhere. Now, I am honored to have the opportunity of a lifetime.

RECORD-BREAKING NUMBERS

6

NATIVE MEMBERS—five Native Americans and one Native Hawaiian—were elected to the House of Representatives.

138

WOMEN will serve in the 117th Congress, as of press time. This includes 104 Democrats and 34 Republicans.

SOURCE: CAMP RUTGERS

160 MILLION

is about **HOW MANY PEOPLE VOTED** in the 2020 election. This is more than two-thirds of the country's eligible voters.



Fun Fact

MAJOR will be the first shelter dog to live in the White House. He'll have Joe Biden's other German shepherd, Champ, to keep him company.

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A WINNING TEAM



ON NOVEMBER 7, PRESIDENT-ELECT JOE BIDEN AND VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT KAMALA HARRIS celebrated their win, in Wilmington, Delaware. They will be sworn in on January 20, 2021.

They will take office at an important moment in United States history. Biden and Harris must confront the COVID-19 pandemic and work to bring together a deeply divided nation. In his speech on November 7, Biden said, "This is the time to heal in America." Read on to learn how their lives and careers prepared them to lead the country.

—By Shay Maunz

BIG NIGHT Harris and Biden share a stage with family, including spouses Doug Emhoff and Jill Biden.

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ERIC RISBERG—AP PHOTO

A LOOK BACK Biden (far left) stands in front of the U.S. Capitol, in Washington, D.C., in August 1974. At the time, Biden was a U.S. senator representing Delaware. Harris (immediate left) gives her inaugural speech as attorney general of California in January 2015.

A-Z Power Words

policy *noun*: a course of action chosen in order to guide people in making decisions

trailblazer *noun*: a person who is the first to do something



HIGH HONOR Biden receives the Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama in January 2017.

A LIFE OF SERVICE

“I pledge to be a president who seeks not to divide but unify,” Joe Biden said in his victory speech on November 7. It may be his biggest challenge in nearly 50 years of public service.

Biden was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on November 20, 1942. When he was 10, his family moved to Delaware. Biden graduated from the University of Delaware and earned a law degree at Syracuse University, in New York. In 1972, he was elected as a U.S. senator for Delaware.

A month after that election, Biden’s wife and daughter were killed in a car accident. His sons, Hunter and Beau, were injured. Biden considered giving up his Senate seat. Instead, he was sworn in to the Senate from his son Beau’s hospital room.

In 1977, Biden married Jill Jacobs, a teacher. As senator, he focused on foreign **policy** and criminal justice. He was reelected six times. He served in the U.S. Senate for 36 years.

The 2020 presidential race was not Biden’s first. He ran in 1988 and 2008. Neither campaign was successful. In 2008, Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama selected Biden as his vice-presidential running mate. Once in office, Obama trusted Biden with many important tasks, including foreign relations.

Biden has long been known as someone who can work with politicians from both political parties. On November 7, he promised to continue that effort as president. “I will work as hard for those who didn’t vote for me as I will for those who did,” he said. —S.M.

OLIVER DOULIERY—GETTY IMAGES/POOL



MEET THE PEOPLE Harris FaceTimes with a girl’s grandmother after a rally in Iowa in September 2019.

BREAKING BARRIERS

Kamala Harris made history on November 7, becoming the first woman to be elected vice president of the United States. Harris will also be the first Black person and first person of South Asian descent to hold that office.

In her victory speech, Harris credited the women who came before her. “Black women, Asian, white, Latina, Native American women, who throughout our nation’s history . . . paved the way for this moment,” she said. “I stand on their shoulders.”

Harris was born in Oakland, California, on October 20, 1964. Her mother came to the U.S. from India and her father came from Jamaica. She attended Howard University, in Washington, D.C.

Harris has been a **trailblazer** throughout her career. She entered public office in 2004, as district attorney of San Francisco, California. In 2011, she became the state’s attorney general. She was the first woman and first Black person to hold either position.

In 2016, Harris was elected as a U.S. senator for California. She became known for asking tough questions of government officials and Supreme Court nominees. In 2019, she ran for the Democratic presidential nomination. After Biden won the nomination, he asked Harris to be his running mate.

“While I may be the first woman in this office, I will not be the last,” Harris said on November 7. “Because every little girl watching tonight sees that this is a country of possibilities.”

—By Rebecca Katzman

SEPTEMBER DAWN BOTTOMS FOR TIME



INCREIBLE KIDS

Who'll become the Kid of the Year? The answer will be revealed December 5 on an hour-long TV special on Nickelodeon and CBS. These two inspiring kids are among the top 20 finalists.

KID
of the
YEAR

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OLIVIA JOY STINSON

ZA'NIA STINSON

When Za'nia was a baby, she lived in a homeless shelter with her grandmother. At 9, she gave money to a family asking for help outside a supermarket in her hometown of Charlotte, North Carolina. She realized she wanted to do more for people in need. So she started the Z Feeds Angel Food Project with her church. She collected donations of food and toiletries from supermarkets, doctors' offices, and shops, and gave them out in "go-go" bags. She took bags to the shelter where she had lived. "Everyone was so excited," says Za'nia, now 13. During the pandemic, she has been packing go-go bags for people affected by closings of schools and shelters.

—By Constance Gibbs



COURTESY THE DALTONS

JACK DALTON

Jack, 10, from Nashua, New Hampshire, is committed to teaching kids about orangutans. He decided to devote his time to the animals after meeting one at the Memphis Zoo, in Tennessee. As a youth ambassador for the Orangutan Alliance, Jack now travels to schools, museums, and zoos around the country. He hopes to inspire people to care about the endangered apes. "I really want to protect animals," Jack says. "That's why I work for this cause. We need everyone to contribute to it."

Jack is also passionate about the environment. To reduce plastic pollution, he sells reusable Kid Conservationist bags. They're made of recycled materials. He donates all the profits to help orangutans.

—By Ellen Nam

DO WE STILL NEED MOVIE THEATERS?

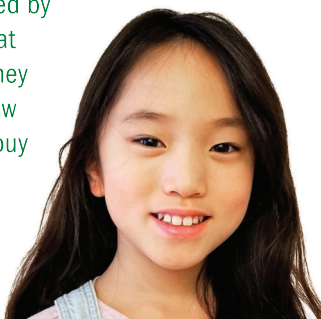
Movie theaters are struggling. On October 5, Regal announced plans to temporarily close all of its theaters in the United States. Because of the coronavirus pandemic and a surge in home-streaming, many people are no longer going out to see movies. Instead, they're watching films at home. Some Hollywood studios have even premiered

major pictures, such as Disney's live-action *Mulan*, on streaming services.

Movie theaters are fun. But do we still need them? We asked TIME for Kids readers to weigh in on the question. Get your popcorn ready as you read what four of them had to say.

YES! There's a difference between going to a movie theater and watching a movie at home. When people go to a theater, they can enjoy the movie without getting distracted by anything that they have to do at home. If theaters stay open, they can hire more people. Then new workers can earn money and buy stuff. That would help the economy recover.

AVA JUNG, 8
PARAMUS, NEW JERSEY



NO! I personally like watching movies at home. I can watch lots of different movies from different cultures. Also, some movie theaters are filthy. Most people take their snacks into the theater to eat and watch at the same time. What if you eat and then touch some part of your chair, then continue eating? The germs on the chair could get on your hand and get into your mouth. That's not very good!

CAMILLE CHIEN, 10
SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA



NO! It's excessive to pay to watch a movie on a big screen with a bunch of people, especially during the pandemic. You can watch a movie in the comfort of your home. You do not need to wear a mask. You can wear your PJs. You can even have an outdoor movie night with friends and practice social distancing. Even without COVID-19, theaters just won't make it due to evolving technology.

ZACHARY HAUBENSTOCK, 10
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA



YES! You might have forgotten how much fun it is, but when the pandemic ends, you'll want to go to a movie theater. They have slushies, candy, and gigantic screens. They have nice chairs with cup holders and dividers. And you don't have to clean up! Just because you can live without them doesn't mean that you'd want to. If you had the chance to go to a movie theater and there was no COVID, wouldn't you go?

FINNIAN RAWSTHORNE, 11
GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: JIEUN CHOI; COOPER CHIEN; SHARLA RAWSTHORNE; NICOLE MÜHLETHALER—EYEEM/GETTY IMAGES; BRIAN HAUBENSTOCK



THE NEXT DEBATE!

Should cursive be taught in schools? Email your opinion to tfkeditors@time.com by January 3. Your response might be featured in an upcoming issue.

HISTORY'S MYSTERIES

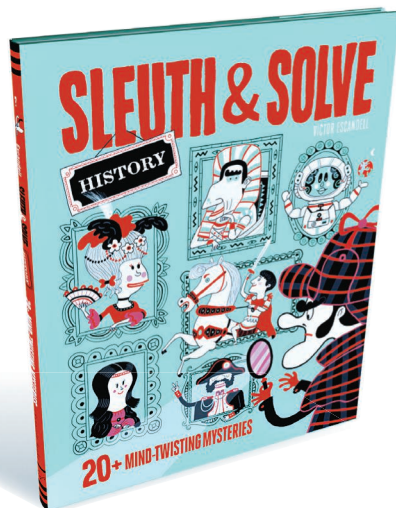
As a kid, **VICTOR ESCANDELL** enjoyed mysteries and detective stories. He also loved riddles, even though he often couldn't solve them. "I've never been very good at logic exercises," the artist told TIME for Kids. "I prefer using my imagination."

In *Sleuth & Solve: History*, Escandell uses his imagination to put a creative spin on classic riddles. The book is a collection of 20 illustrated stories. Each includes a mind-bending mystery for readers to solve. To create the puzzles, Escandell worked with writer Ana Gallo. Escandell's detailed drawings set the scene and provide clues.

Each story is set in a different place and time, from the Aztec empire to the Italian Renaissance. "I think the book is a great example of learning while playing," Escandell says.

Escandell shared a story from *Sleuth & Solve: History* with TFK readers. Can you solve the riddle?

—By Shay Maunz



A FAIR PHARAOH

The Egyptian line of succession was not always simple, especially if the pharaoh had no children and there was no queen to succeed him upon his death. This was true in the case of one pharaoh, who chose his successor using a very ingenious method...



- 1 The pharaoh wanted to determine who would be an honest successor, so he devised a clever test: He ordered that a pot filled with earth be distributed to every child in Egypt. After one year, each child would return their pot to the palace.

ONE YEAR LATER...

- 2 The children were summoned to the palace with their pots. Some of the pots were now filled with beautiful flowers, while others were filled with plants of every shape and size.
- 3 Only one girl returned the pot without any plant in it at all, exactly as it had been given to her. Upon seeing this, the pharaoh acted immediately.



I have made my decision. You will be my successor.

Thank you! I will try to be a great pharaoh.



WHY DID THE PHARAOH CHOOSE THE CHILD WHO HAD NOT BROUGHT HIM A PLANT?

*SEE ANSWER BELOW

ANSWER: THE PHARAOH CHOSE HER FOR HER HONESTY. HE HAD DISTRIBUTED POTS FILLED ONLY WITH EARTH, BUT EVERYONE ASSUMED THAT EACH POT CONTAINED A SEED. WHEN NOTHING GREW, ALL OF THE CHILDREN PLANTED THEIR OWN—WHICH THE EXCEPTION OF THE GIRL, WHO DID NOT PLANT ANYTHING IN HER POT.

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