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Tips for New Voters

- **Set Your Dates:**

Before you can vote, you need to be registered. Be sure to check the registration schedule for your area as it often closes weeks before an election.

- **Know Your Options:**

There are different ways to vote depending on your location. Take the time to research and look for non-partisan sources that can provide information on candidates running for office, their platforms, and the issues on the ballot.

- **Practice Your Ballot:**

Reviewing a sample ballot can help you familiarize yourself with the layout and the choices you'll need to make. Some people even bring a filled-out sample ballot with them to the polling place to make the voting process quicker and easier.

- **Ask for Help If You Need It:**

If you're unsure about any part of the voting process, don't hesitate to ask for help. Poll workers can explain how to use voting machines, clarify anything on the ballot or help you if you have a disability that makes voting challenging.

- **Stay Calm and Take Your Time:**

Take your time to read through the ballot carefully and make your selections. If you're unsure about any part of the voting process, don't hesitate to ask poll workers for help. It's better to be sure of your choices than to feel pressured to finish quickly.

- **Celebrate Your Vote:**

After you've cast your ballot, take a moment to celebrate! Whether you get a sticker or simply take a moment to reflect, appreciate the fact that you've participated in one of the most important responsibilities of citizenship.