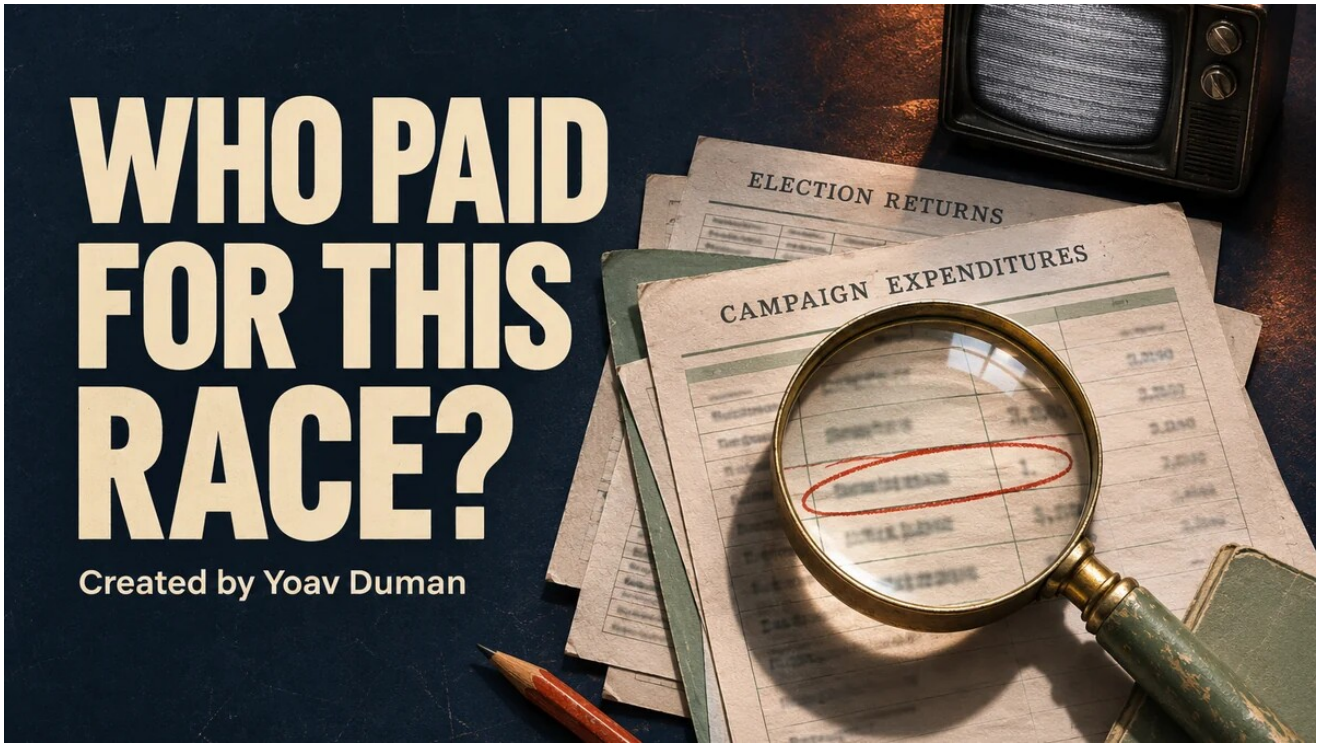
STUDENT MANUAL

Who Paid for This Race?

You're the election-desk reporter. Trace money through a congressional primary, decide what the records support, and file a headline you can defend.



Open the election desk

For Class takes about 45–55 minutes. Select **Start Class investigation**, enter your name and course or section, then select **Begin the investigation**.

For Fun takes about 20–30 minutes. You'll use the same records and make your own decisions. Writing is optional.

Work from the records on your screen

The filings, ad, polls and returns are built in. Use square-bracket labels like [N1] to show which record supports a claim. If an evidence check flags an answer, revisit the named record and try again.

Make a first judgment and open one record before you see the New York returns. In Class, after you see the returns, choose one follow-up record. Your choice gives you a question to carry into Pennsylvania.

View the activity page and downloads

FOR CLASS

From evidence to submission

Select **Record response** after each answer or after editing a recorded answer. The four minimums add up to 240 words.

Response	What to do	Minimum
Audit note	Follow the transaction IDs. Identify who paid, who received the money and who controlled it.	**50 words**
Message analysis	Compare the sponsor’s stated aim with an argument in the ad. Cite the record for each.	**55 words**
Evidence verdict	Defend or revise your first judgment. Use two or more records, including one from your first request.	**75 words**
Second-race analysis	Use the Pennsylvania spending and returns to test your claim. Explain how one difference between the races matters.	**60 words**

Give your verdict a fair test

Name two plausible explanations. Say who or what you would compare, what you would measure, and what could make that comparison unfair. Explain what result would help distinguish the explanations and which claim would still need more evidence.

Type or dictate into the activity. If your instructor approves another way to enter your own writing, open **Writing input options**.

Pause or move to another device

Save and return to start pauses your work. Reopen the activity in the same browser and choose **Resume Class investigation**.

To move devices, select **Download progress backup**. On the other device, open the activity and choose **Restore a progress backup**. Select the .json file and review the restore preview.

Submit one PDF in Canvas

Choose a headline, then select **Finalize Class report for Canvas**. Choose **Print or save as PDF** and pick **Save as PDF** in the print dialog.

Open the PDF and check your name, all four responses and the last page. Upload that file to the Canvas assignment and confirm the submission. Keep the .json file if you may need to reopen your work.