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| **Aims:** | Identify and explain current events and problems in the United States. |
| **Do Now:** | 1. Write your homework in your agenda. 2. Get out your class materials and turn in your Reflection essay if you need to. 3. Take out the Primary and Secondary Source Worksheet. 4. Label and organize your binder according to the order on the PowerPoint. |
| **Agenda:** | 1. Do Now – Binder 2. Power Posters 3. Channel 1 News 4. Upfront Magazine 5. What’s Going On? |
| **Homework:** | Write a Type II answering the following prompts:  What neighborhood(s) do you live in? What is the closest train or bus line to you? What are some characteristics of your neighborhood? What can you do for fun in your neighborhood? |

**Channel 1 News Summary**

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**Directions:** Read “Election 2012: What’s at Stake” in the *Upfront Magazine* provided. Then, answer the questions below in **complete sentences.**

When a president runs for re-election, he’s asking voters to grade him on the job he’s done for the past four years—and hoping he gets a good report card...

1. What campaign themes and promises did Barack Obama run on in 2008?

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1. Which promises has he fulfilled and which ones has he had difficulty following through on?

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1. What events have formed the backdrop of his time in office?

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1. According to the article, what do most voters see as the biggest issues facing the next president?

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1. What issues do you consider most important?

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1. Compare and contrast the two candidates’ stands on an issue that’s important to you. s

Issue that’s important to you:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Barack Obama’s Stance | Both | Mitt Romney’s Stance |
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1. In what ways do Democratic and Republican views of government differ?

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1. What are “swing states”? Why are they so important?

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1. If you could vote today, who would you vote for and why?

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