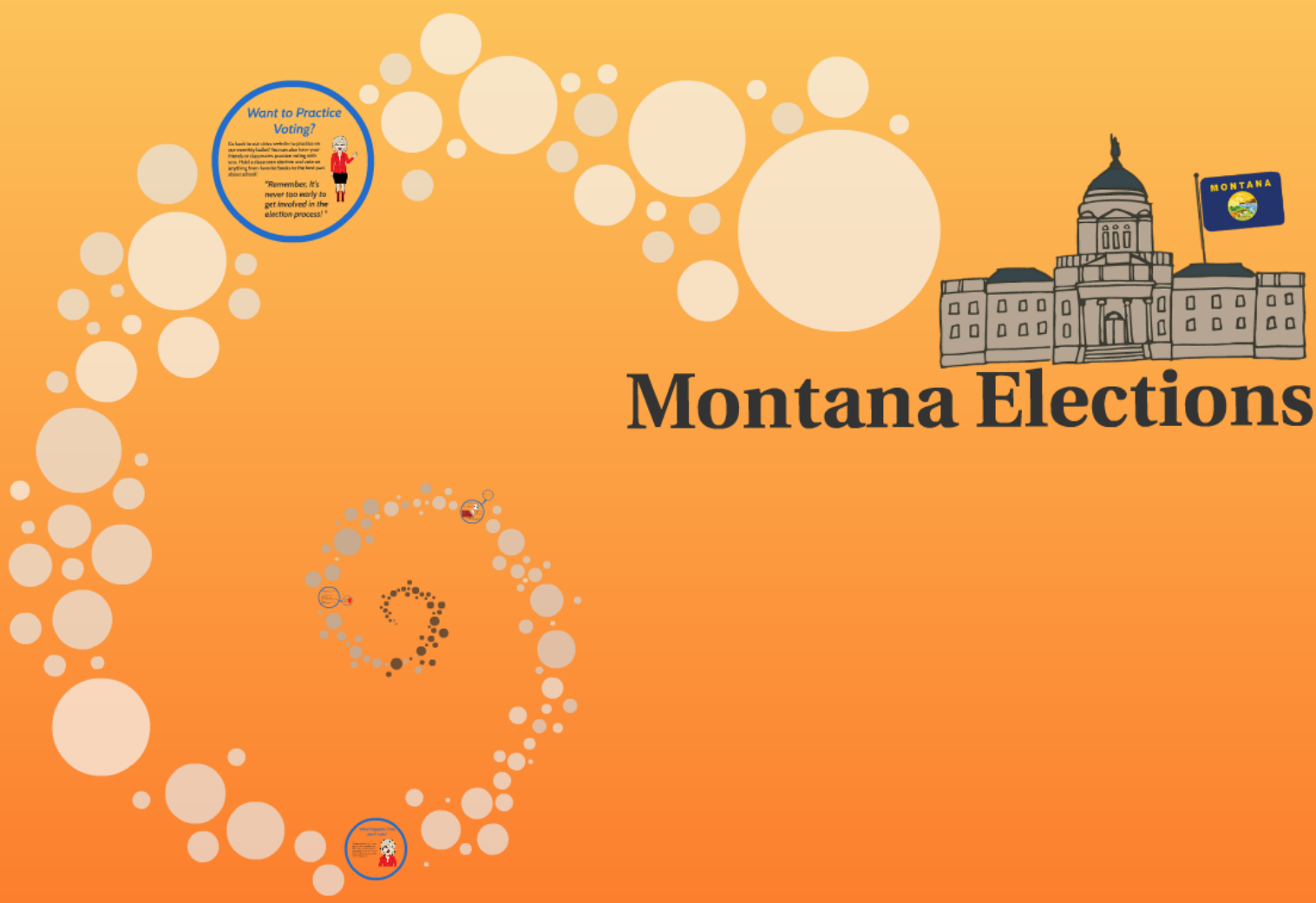

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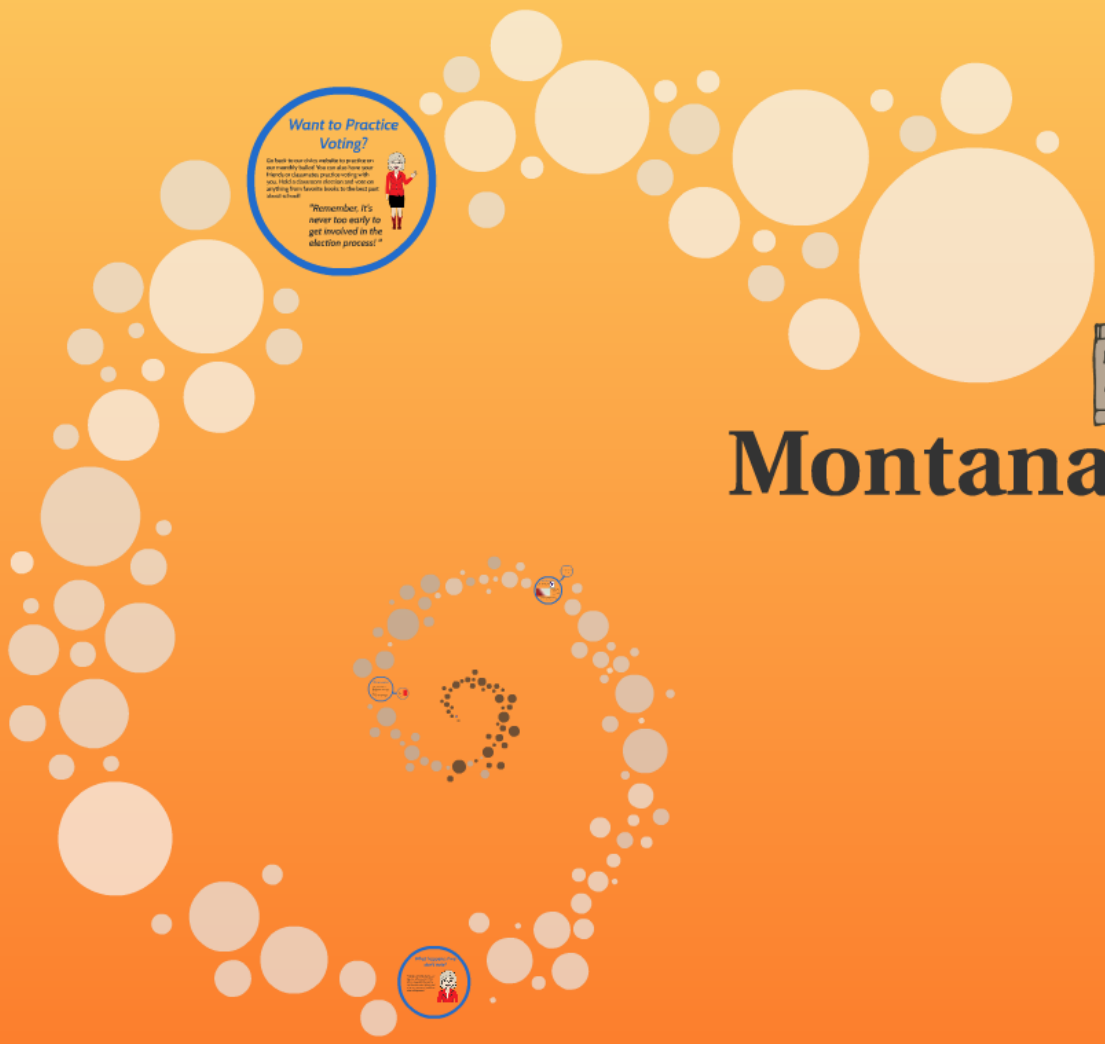

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Hi I'm Linda McCulloch your Montana Secretary of State.

One part of my job is to oversee state and federal elections in Montana.

"Have you ever voted for something? Your favorite book or maybe what to have for dinner?"

Just like when you vote for something at school or at home, our state elections are based off of a "majority vote" which means that the choice that gets the most votes, wins.

What do we vote for?

Montana voters get to vote on:

People

Voters elect (choose) people to represent them federally, statewide and on a local level.

Issues

Voters also get to vote on issues that affect the state and them as individuals.

"Electing someone to federal government means that they work with other federally elected individuals across the nation to serve not only our state but the entire country. Statewide officials serve everyone in the state and locally elected officials serve their local communities and schools."

Can you name your elected officials?
Mayor of your town? Governor? President?

How do we vote?

When a U.S. Citizen turns 18 they become eligible to vote.

People can sign-up to vote by mail (we call this absentee voting) or by going to the polls on election day.

Registered voters receive what's called a "ballot". The ballot has all the people running for office as well as any issues.

Each voter gets to pick the candidate (person running for office) that they believe represents them the best.

Ballots are secret and aren't visible to anyone else besides that voter.

All the votes are then counted and the person with the most votes wins.

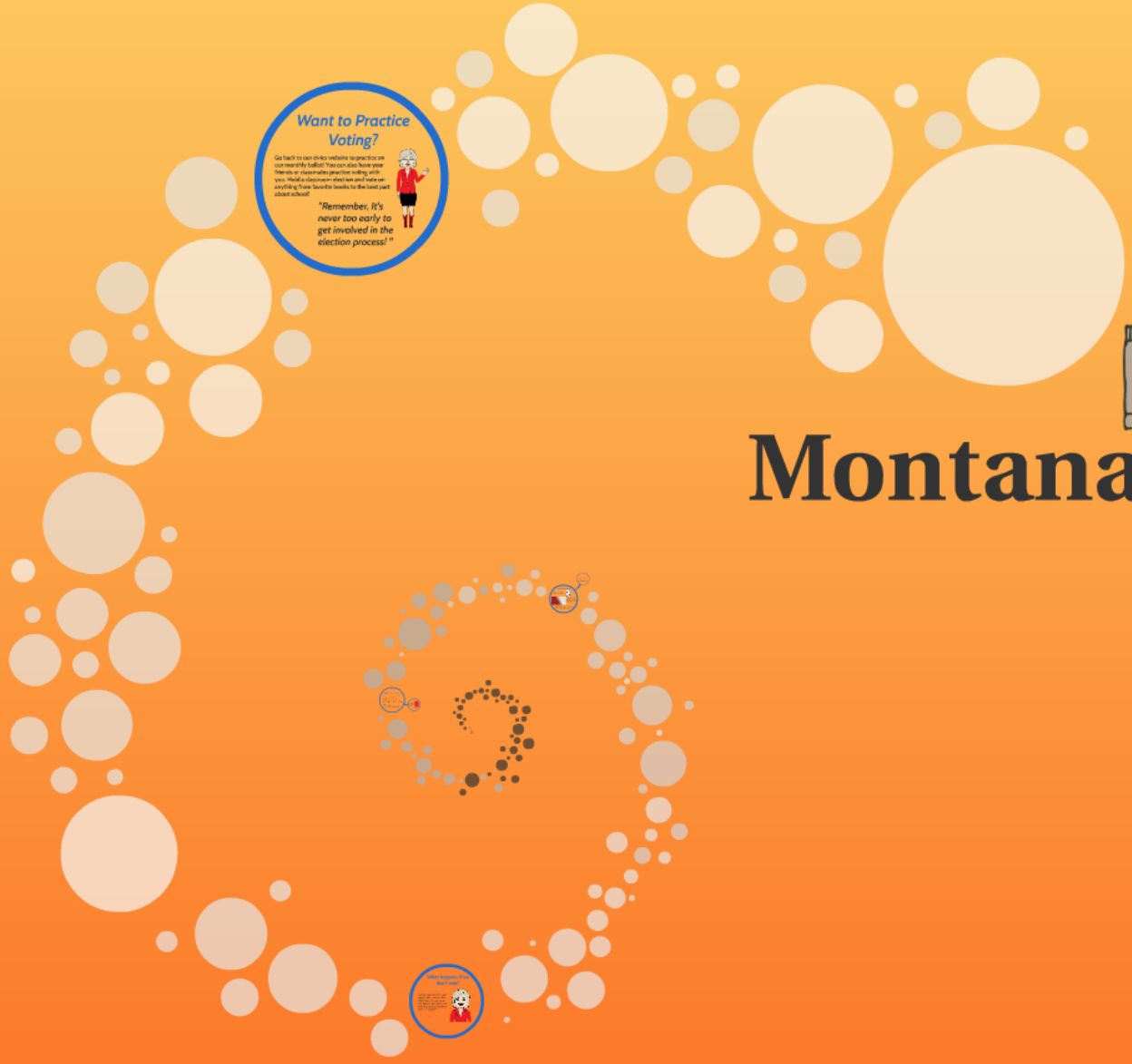
What happens if we don't vote?

"Voting is a choice, but a very big one. When you turn 18 it will be important for you to vote because your vote is your voice in government and your voice is important."

Want to Practice Voting?

Go back to our civics website to practice on our monthly ballot! You can also have your friends or classmates practice voting with you. Hold a classroom election and vote on anything from favorite books to the best part about school!

"Remember, It's never too early to get involved in the election process! "



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