**Midterm Elections**

GOAL: 1. understand the midterm election and why it matters

Directions:

Go to Smalleysfad.weebly.com/assignments

-Click on Midterm Election 2014

The document has all the major issues linked to information pages as well as the “Yes” and “no” pages for each issue.

Class videos:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rijpU5yD55I>

<http://www.vox.com/2014/10/15/6972485/2014-midterms-explained-8-bit>

1. What is at stake with midterm elections?

<http://www.democracy21.org/money-in-politics/press-releases-money-in-politics/ny-times-video-the-cost-of-campaigns/>

1. What is controversial about campaign financing today?

1. How do you feel about a campaign financing? Do you feel that it promotes free speech?

**GOAL 2: Assess the major issues on our ballot and choose your stance on them.**

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| ISSUE | Pro Side | No Side | Your opinion and Why. |
| Personhood |  |  |  |
| Racetracks |  |  |  |
| School Board Open meetings |  |  |  |
| Labeling GMO’s |  |  |  |

**GOAL 3: Consider the Colorado Senators up for election and choose which one you support.**

This will take some time, but you should learn a lot. With the article in front of you and a computer at your side, understand the issues and each candidates’ stance on it.

Who do you tend to support and why?

Are their issues that you disagree with your candidate on? What are they and why?

After looking at these issues, what issues do you want to learn more about in class?