On November 8, 2022 the United States holds a midterm election. Every two years, all 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and one-third of the 100 seats in the U.S. Senate are up for election. Because this election happens in the middle of a presidential term, it is called a midterm election. While midterm elections often receive less attention from voters than presidential contests, they can influence national politics. The outcome of the midterm election is often considered a reflection of how well voters think the president is doing their job. Historically, the results of the midterm election often sees the political party of the sitting president losing seats in Congress. With President Biden’s low approval rating, and the country struggling with high inflation, the Democratic Party may struggle to hold their slim majorities in both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate. If the Republican Party takes control of one or both houses, it will make it tougher for President Biden to advance his domestic and foreign policy agenda.

**To Think and To Do:** While you watch the election results, keep an eye out for updates from these key states below. For each state, read the background information and answer the questions.

**Questions to Consider**
- What are the 2022 election results for each state?
- If the race has not been called, what information do you know?
- Is the result different from the latest polling data?
- Was the voter turnout higher or lower than expected?
- Are there any notable voting or ballot issues?
- Are there any trends across the states?
- Does anything stand out to you?