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Political Debates

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Let's talk the primary debates.

In a democracy, they say power is given to the people — but really, we give that power to leaders by voting for them, because the US is actually a representative democracy. To pick the right leaders, we need to be informed. I don't wanna vote for someone because I think they look nice. I tried to adopt a cat recently that looked so sweet, and then she attacked me.

In 2019 there are more than 20 people running to be the Democratic nominee for president — 20 people! Look at these faces. How are we supposed to learn enough about them to decide who to vote for?

Well, one way is debates. Debates are public events where two or more people exchange ideas. They say what they believe in, and then they use facts and stories to back it up. What sorts of questions do you think we should ask the 20 presidential hopefuls?