

## My First Vote

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Suppose you are twenty-one years old, whom would you like to vote for in an election for Parliamentary Constituency: -

India is the largest democratic country in the world. I am eagerly waiting for the day when I shall be eligible to cast my vote. Now, suppose I am twenty-one years old and my name is there in the voters list, I shall vote for a meritorious candidate.

I am fully conscious of the value of the vote. I want that able persons should be elected to the Parliament. They frame rules for the whole nation and keep diplomatic relations with other nations of the world. Hence, I shall adjudge a candidate on the basis of the merit. I shall rise above caste and provincialism. I shall also not be swayed by cheap slogans. I shall see how much service a candidate has rendered to the nation. .

I would like that the candidate of my choice is a devoted worker. He is not selfish and narrow minded. He is certainly not a man who opposes everything in the parliament for the sake of opposition.

Parties are the soul of democracy. I shall go through the election manifestos of different parties then I shall decide as to which party is suitable for our country. I know it well that election promises are not cent percent kept. I shall, therefore, not hesitate to cast my vote for an independent candidate provided he is an able and sincere person.

Above all, I shall favor a candidate with my vote only if he has sympathies for the poor people. I shall also see that the candidate of my choice has got a definite plan to improve the condition of the working sections of the society. He should also have a clear idea about the rural upliftment. I would like at the end of the month the candidate of my choice favors the policy of non-alignment. Our country should not side with any big power of the world. We should remain neutral. I shall, therefore cast my valuable vote for a candidate having the above said qualities. I also like other voters to follow my example.