

Elections in Sweden (September 14, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

What? A general election: the Swedish people are choosing the 349 members who will sit in the Riksdag, Sweden's parliament.

Who? The Swedish people—there are over ten million of them!

Where? In Sweden, a large country in Northern Europe.

When? On Sunday, September 13, 2026; in Sweden, voting always takes place on the second Sunday of September, once every four years.

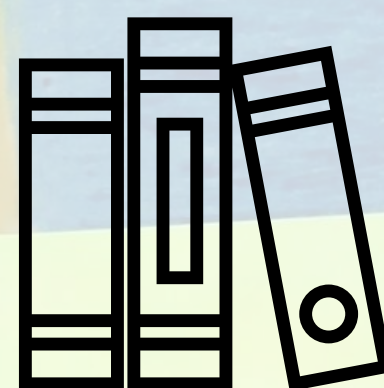
Why is it important? Because Sweden is a major European country. It's good to know what is happening there!

For this activity, your goal will be to learn a little more about Sweden.



OBJECTIVES

- Discover Sweden, its people, its language, and King Carl XVI Gustaf
- Understand what the Riksdag is and how many members it has
- Explore four iconic Stockholm locations using Google Earth
- Spot specific details on real buildings: inscriptions, numbers, symbols
- Read a table showing the results of the Swedish election held on September 13, 2026.



SUBJECTS

- **English**
 - Reading comprehension
 - Locating information in a text
 - Written expression (short answers)
- **Mathematics**
 - Subtraction of large numbers
 - Calculating percentages
 - Fractions and ratios
- **Social Studies / Geography**
 - European countries and capitals
 - Political institutions and democracy
 - Map reading and location



COMPETENCIES

- Research and interpret information
- Orient oneself on a map and in a virtual environment
- Read and interpret a data table
- Perform calculations using large numbers
- Produce a structured response



DURATION

- Approximately 45 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students where Sweden is located and what they already know about the country.
- Ask them who decides on a country's laws and how those people are chosen.
- Ask them at what age people are allowed to vote, both here and elsewhere in the world.
- Gather their hypotheses: why do some people not vote on election day?



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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STEP 1 — An Overview of Sweden. Watching of a short official video showcasing the country's landscapes, followed by a visit to Sweden's official website and answers to four written questions.

Q1 — 10,587,710 inhabitants.

Q2 — Swedish.

Q3 — Carl XVI Gustaf.

Q4 — The Riksdag, which has 349 members.

STEP 2 — A Walk in Stockholm. Exploration of four locations in the Swedish capital using Google Earth and Street View, followed by answers to four observation questions.

Q5 — SVENSKA AKADEMIEN.

Q6 — There are four cannons.

Q7 — Number 1.

Q8 — They are three crowns.

STEP 3 — An Election Every Four Years. Reading of a table showing the results of the Swedish election of September 13, 2026, followed by answers to four calculation questions.

Q9 — $8,051,355 - 6,829,278 = 1,222,077$ people.

Q10 — $1,886,535 \div 6,829,278 = 27.6\%$, or 28% when rounded.

Q11 — $1,769,787 \div 6,829,278 = 25.9\%$. Closer to a quarter!

Q12 — $1,886,535 \div 565,599 =$ approximately 3.3 times.



WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group review of what the students have learned.
- Discuss what surprised them the most: the 349 MPs, Stockholm's fourteen islands, and the million Swedes who did not vote.
- Ask: why is it important for many people to vote?
- Draw parallels with the elections they are familiar with.



FURTHER EXPLORATION

 Jonathan Day & Penelope Palette. *My First Book - Sweden: All About Sweden For Kids*

