

Government *A Perfect Candidate*

This documentary recaps the 1994 Senate race in Virginia that pitted incumbent Chuck Robb (D) against Lt. Col. Oliver North (R), and former Virginia Governor Doug Wilder (I). As you watch the film, answer these questions ON YOUR OWN PAPER. Notice candidates' ideologies and strategies.

Characters

Lt. Col. Olliver North
Sen. Chuck Robb
Gov. Doug Wilder
VA Attn. Gen. Marshall Coleman
Mark Goodin (white hair)
Mark Merritt (glasses)
Reporter Don Baker
Model Tai Collins

Discussion Questions

1. Describe the 1994 Virginia Republican Convention and Ollie North's speech.
2. What kind of places, in front of what audiences, does North campaign?
3. What is your first impression of Senator Chuck Robb?
4. What Republican ideology does North espouse in his speeches and comments to the Press?
5. What did you observe in the CNN televised debate?
6. Who should win the "character test" in this race?
7. Is the Democratic Candidate Chuck Robb in fact a "liberal?"
8. Why/how did Doug Wilder make his difficult decision, and how did the African American community react?
9. Describe the political advertising in this campaign.
10. What role did President Clinton play in the campaign?
11. What did you learn about the "behind-the-scenes" of a campaign from this film?
12. What role did the press play? Describe the relationship between the campaign and reporters?