THE 1989 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

(MATERIAL FOR SEGUNDO MEDIO)

LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

Analyze - starting with the 1989 presidential election - the role of Patricio Aylwin during the process of transition to democracy in Chile.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- Relate the characteristics of the 1989 presidential election to the historical context of the transition process.
- Analyze - based on sources - the electoral campaign of Patricio Aylwin and his presidential objectives in the context of the transition to democracy.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS:

- The activity is designed to take place before, during and after the museum visit.
- The sources used in the “before the visit” and “after the visit” sections are available in the links referenced at the bottom of the page.
- Learning objective (Objetivo de aprendizaje – OA in Spanish: OA 20, as stated in the curriculum for 2° medio History, Geography, and Social Sciences.
- Historical thinking skill: historical interpretation and use of historical evidence.

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BEFORE THE VISIT: THE 1989 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

DATE: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Before visiting the museum office, we will review a fragment of Patricio Aylwin's electoral campaign, with the aim of helping you imagine the challenges and objectives he proposed for his presidency, considering that the country was at a key moment: the transition from dictatorship to democracy.



On December 14, 1989, the presidential elections were held, while the country was still under a military dictatorship. The candidates were Patricio Aylwin Azócar (opposed to the regime and representing the center-left), Hernán Büchi (Right), and Francisco Javier Errázuriz (Independent). The elected president was Patricio Aylwin Azócar.

- First source:
  Electoral campaign 12/1/1989, Patricio Aylwin' candidacy.
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXIsWfsJoCo&ab_channel=FundacionAylwin
- Second source:
  Electoral campaign 12/8/1989, Patricio Aylwin's candidacy.
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8K0-9GFmwfQ&t=144s&ab_channel=FundacionAylwin)

Summarize in concepts the ideals of Patricio Aylwin (for example: mutual respect) that can be seen in the two campaign ads.

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DURING THE VISIT: THE 1989 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

DATE: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

During the visit, you will find a display case with objects from Patricio Aylwin's presidential campaign. Based on the information you gathered before the visit and the historical context of the transition, carefully observe the objects and answer the following questions:



1. Circle an item from the campaign that you believe conveys the type of government Patricio Aylwin sought to build.

2. Why did you choose that campaign item? What characteristics of Patricio Aylwin's future government can you identify?

3. How does Patricio Aylwin's campaign aim to move past the characteristics of dictatorship and defend democratic principles? Use the campaign item you chose in your answer.

AFTER THE VISIT: THE SPEECH AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM

NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

DATE: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

Considering the analyses you conducted during the visit to the museum, we will review the speech delivered by Patricio Aylwin on March 12, 1990, when he took office as president of the Republic.

Source: #MomentosREC: Discurso de Patricio Aylwin en el Estadio Nacional (1990) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EIf7vGIs2I&t=17s&ab_channel=RECONLINE

Answer the following questions.



1. What commitments does Patricio Aylwin make for his government? Do they relate to his campaign objectives? Explain.

2. Why can we affirm that such commitments are related to the transition to democracy?

3. What tensions are evidente during the speech, and how do they relate to the campaign elements you reviewed?

EVALUATION GUIDELINE

The following are the evaluation criteria that will guide your responses. Remember to review them each time you answer a question.

Criteria	Description
Transition to democracy and the 1989 election	Relate coherently the transition to democracy process with the objectives and ideals defended by Patricio Aylwin's candidacy within the framework of the 1989 election. (Question 3)
Use of historical evidence	Describe, compare, relate, and reflect - based on primary sources - on the objectives, ideals, and aspirations pursued by Patricio Aylwin's presidential campaign in the context of the transition to democracy in Chile. (Questions 1, 2 and 3)