Citizens, Not Spectators

Lesson 1: Who Can Vote in the United States?

Student Handout 1: What Do You Know about Voting in the United States?

Directions: In a group of three to five students, consider the following questions. Record your answers below the questions. Decide who will be the group reporter. This person will record each answer on your group’s chart paper.

1. How old must you be to vote?

2. What requirements are there for voting other than age?

3. Are voting requirements different in elections for the president? Your state’s governor? The mayor of your community?

4. Are voting requirements the same in every state?

5. What will be on the election ballot this November?

6. What age group of people do you think votes most often?

7. What age group of people do you think votes least often?

8. Why do people vote?

9. Why do people choose not to vote?