Citizens, Not Spectators

Lesson 1: Who Can Vote in the United States?

Student Handout 2: Building Our Vocabulary

*Directions:* You will be learning new vocabulary terms that are used when talking about voting. Your teacher will explain the meaning of each of these terms to you. Write down the definition next to the term.

- **abstain**
- **amendment**
- **citizen**
- **amendment**
- **democracy**
- **direct democracy**
- **enfranchisement**
- **federal government**
federal system

grandfather clause

independent voter

initiative

literacy test

majority rule

minority rights

poll tax

proposition

referendum

republic

suffrage

Voting Rights Act