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: With one or two other students, consider the following questions. Record your answers below the questions.

1. How old must you be to vote?

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

3. Do the requirements differ depending on the level of government involved (e.g., federal vs. state or state vs. local)?

4. Are voter requirements the same in every state?

5. What will be on the ballot this November?

6. What group do you think votes in the highest total percentages?

7. What group do you think votes in the lowest total percentages?

8. Why do people vote?

9. Why do people choose not to vote?