

Voting Extension Activity

Directions: You must complete 3 of the assignments below.

1. What does the Constitution say about who regulates voting? (See Article I, Section 2, Clause 1, U.S. Constitution). What do the following Amendments to the Constitution say about voting? The 12th, 14th, 15th, 19th, 24th, and 26th amendments
 - a. <http://felonvoting.procon.org/view.answers.php?questionID=000649>
 - b. <https://www.procon.org>
2. How did the 1965 Voting Rights Act help African Americans overcome legal barriers that prevented them from voting in some state and local elections?
 - a. <http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/civil-rights-movement/videos/voting-rights-bill>
 - b. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcBL9pZ9Znw>
 - c. <https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/civil-rights-act/immediate-impact.html>
3. Describe the Supreme Court's decision in Shelby v. Holder and explain how it overturned a key provision in the Voting Rights Act. Review the dissenting opinion.
 - a. <https://www.oyez.org/cases/2012/12-96>
 - b. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/with-voting-rights-act-out-states-push-voter-id-laws/>
4. What are voting ID laws and what is the controversy that surrounds them?
 - a. <http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/fln33-soc-voterfraud/wgbh-frontline-why-voter-id-laws-arent-really-about-fraud/>
 - b. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/why-doesnt-everybody-have-a-voter-id/>
5. How have some federal courts responded to these voter ID laws?
 - a. <http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/08/02/488392765/as-november-approaches-courts-deal-series-of-blows-to-voter-id-laws>