League of Women Voters Presents – Civics 101

Historical Documents:

- A summary of the Constitution
- Find the Charters of Freedom: Declaration of Independence, Constitution and Bill of Rights here

Branches of Government

- 1. Major differences between the two houses of Congress
 - How a Bill Becomes a Law
 - Official records of Congress
 - Current Legislative Activities
- 2. The President of the United States
 - Presidential Election Process
 - Electoral College
 - Popular Vote
 - National Popular Vote
 - o **Gerrymandering**

Budget:

- The Federal Budget
- Current and past budget information

Federal vs. State Government Powers

Civil Rights

- o 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights (1868)
- o Civil Rights Act (1964)

Contact:

How to Contact your Elected Officials

Policy Issues

Political Glossary

History:

- 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Voting Rights (1870)
- 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Women's Right to vote (1920)
- Voting Rights Act (1965)
- 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: Minimum voting age (197)

How to Vote, Requirements, Elections and Dates:

- How to Vote
- Cómo votar
- Voter, Registration, Requirements, and Deadlines
- Absentee and Early Voting

- Connecticut Voter Registration Lookup
- Midterm, State and Local Elections
- Find My State and Local Election Office Website
- Research Who to Vote For
 - How to Judge a Candidate
 - o Election Information You Need
 - o On-line Voter Guide
 - o Campaign Finances

Major Political Groups

- o <u>Democrats</u>
- Republicans
- o <u>Libertarian</u>
- o <u>Green</u>

Non-partisan groups that can help – LWV <u>– Local, State and National Chapters</u>

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