



## Elections and Voting Planning Grid

Gr. 6-8

Activity Name	Objectives	Family Involvement?	Notes
1965 Alabama Literacy Test	Students experience the injustice of voter discrimination.		
Apathy Cartoon Analysis	Students analyze political cartoons portraying apathy to examine the value of voting.		
Culminating Activity: Use It or Lose It	Students recognize the fragile nature of the right to vote and acknowledge the need to protect that right.		
Historical Debate - Women's Suffrage	Students debate women's suffrage.		
LITERATURE CONNECTION ACTIVITY A Time for Courage: The Suffragette Diary of Kathleen Bowen by Kathryn Lasky	Students examine the right to vote by reading a fictional account of a girl living in the U.S. in the early 20th century.		
Our National Symbol	Students participate in a primary election simulation and in a caucus simulation to explore and compare the processes.		
Part of the Franchise	Students personalize the history of the right to vote.		
Poll on Apathy	Students poll voters to examine voter responsibility.		
Polling Places	Students find their polling places to prepare to vote.		
Registration Simulation	Students simulate registration to become familiar with the process.		
Suffrage Sequence Cards	Students order and examine the history of voting rights to gain a better understanding of the right to vote.		
The Long Journey	Students explore the history of Native Americans and the right to vote.		
Vote Quotes	Students study famous quotes to learn the significance of the right to vote.		
Voting Barriers	Students consider the barriers to voting today, including their causes and the impact they have.		



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Who Has the Power?	Students evaluate the history of the right to vote in America.		
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