

**Preface for including LWNFC's power point presentations on LWVCT's website for other Leagues to use.**

1. *Mock Voter Registration PowerPoint Presentation and Lesson Plan*

These materials were developed when our League volunteers realized that high school and college students often lack the basic knowledge about the electoral process making it difficult for them to understand and make informed choices that the form requires in question 9 on the voter registration form. Although information about the elections is covered in their high school coursework it's not something students necessarily remember when they fill out a voter registration card or register online. The Mock Voter Registration lesson and power point is designed to be given just prior to a voter registration tabling event so the information is fresh in students' minds. Students can follow along on a sample (mock) voter registration form at their desk while the PowerPoint lesson explains who is eligible to vote, what a political party is, lists the names of all the parties in CT, explains what a general election is and what a primary election is. It explains Connecticut state law that stipulates that only registered party members can participate in a party's primary. The lesson also gives students some tools to consider when choosing a political party and choosing a candidate. There are different models for giving the lesson but we've found that many schools prefer to give the lesson themselves just prior to our league's scheduled tabling events. The original idea for the lesson came from a high school social studies chair when we discussed the difficulties involved with actually registering students in the small classroom setting where students who were not eligible to vote might feel uncomfortable as their peers completed the forms. We've worked with other schools social studies chairs and school administrators always deferring to their preferences. Some schools have opted to include the lesson in their classroom curriculum; others have shown the PowerPoint during senior assemblies and asked students to register at the Secretary of State's website using their phones. In other cases we've teamed up with town registrars to address senior assemblies together. The PowerPoint lesson is appropriate for college students and adults. It could, for example, be given to a citizenship class. ESL teachers might use it to highlight vocabulary words.

2. *What To Expect at the Polls on Election Day*

This is the sequel to the Mock Voter Registration Lesson. It's appropriate for high school, college and other community venues. The power point was developed at the request of our local library's community relations coordinator who suggested a presentation that would make new voters feel comfortable about voting for the first time. In addition to visually walking new voters through the voting process from when they first enter to when they exist their polling place. The topics covered include, checking your voter registration status, locating your polling place, what forms of ID to bring with you, reviewing your town's actual ballot, how to fill in the ballot, how to request an absentee ballot and more.

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