

Reteaching Activity



Elections and Voting

DIRECTIONS → Follow the directions in each section of the chart.

I. QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE: Put an **X** before voting qualifications that are required by all states. Put an **S** before the items required by some states. Put an **N** before the items that are not required by any states.

A. cannot be legally insane	E. must be 18 years old
B. must pay income taxes	F. must own property
C. must be a United States citizen	G. must be a legal resident of the state for a certain period of time
D. must register (to vote) with the appropriate local government	H. cannot be a convicted felon
	I. must pass a literacy test

II. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES: Check the circumstances that must exist on election day for an absentee ballot to be cast.

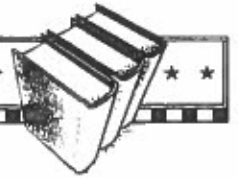
A. Voter will be hospitalized.	F. Voter will be awaiting trial on election day.
B. Voter has to work on election day.	G. Voter will be in jail for a misdemeanor.
C. Voter will be out of town.	H. Voter forgot to vote on election day.
D. Voter has disability or illness.	I. Voter cannot vote due to religious observances.
E. Voter cannot vote due to bad weather.	

III. ISSUE AND SOLUTION: Write the letter of the best solution to the issue.

ISSUE	SOLUTION
1. _____ A candidate must win 270 of the 538 electoral votes.	A. The 24th Amendment was ratified.
2. _____ Voters must be informed of a candidate's stand on issues.	B. The 15th Amendment was ratified.
3. _____ In 1979, party officials complained to Congress that finance legislation made fundraising difficult.	C. The 26th Amendment was ratified.
4. _____ The poll tax prevented thousands of African Americans from voting in national elections.	D. Millions are spent on rallies and advertising.
5. _____ Until the 1970's, large campaign contributions led to charges of improper behavior.	E. Congress allows unlimited donations for general purposes.
6. _____ After a constitutional amendment guaranteed African Americans voting rights, some southern states used a grandfather clause to discourage these voters.	F. Candidates, PACs, and political parties must record and report contributions over \$100.
7. _____ In the 1960s, many argued that if 18 was old enough to be drafted, it was old enough to vote.	G. Campaign manager and state and local party chairpersons plan strategy for key states.

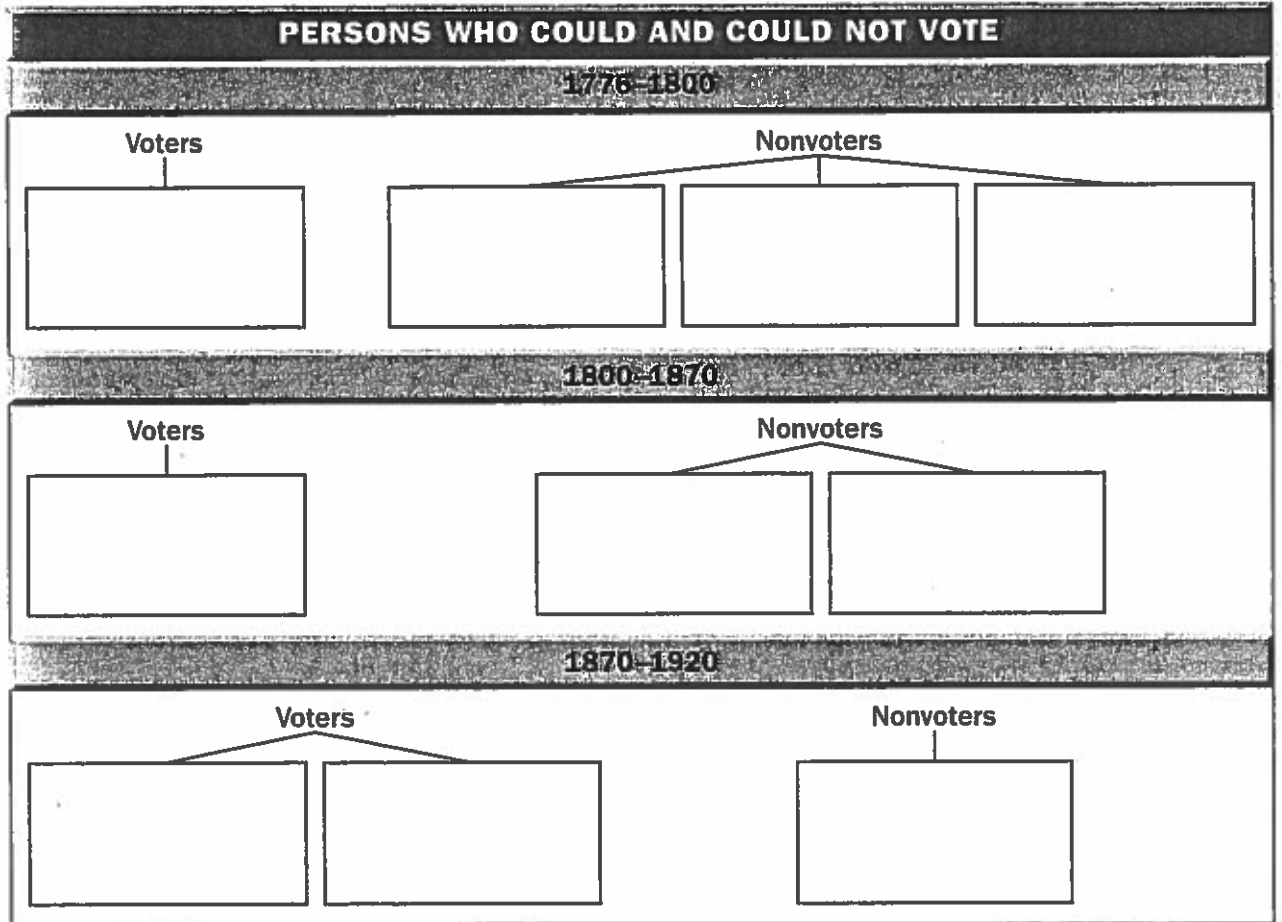
Copyright © by The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

Guided Reading Activity 17-2



Expanding Voting Rights

★DIRECTIONS Use the information in your textbook to complete this diagram. List in each box the groups that belong under each heading.



★DIRECTIONS Use the information in your textbook to list the provisions of the various voting rights acts.

PROVISIONS OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACTS OF THE 1960s AND 1970s
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____