

# CHAPTER SUMMARY *Activity* ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



## Elections and Voting

**★ DIRECTIONS** In the space provided, write the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ committees are organizations designed to support political candidates with campaign contributions.
2. The term \_\_\_\_\_ money refers to general purpose funds not designated to a particular candidate.
3. To thwart the Fifteenth Amendment, many Southern states set up poll \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ tests.
4. African Americans could not qualify for the \_\_\_\_\_ clause, an exemption to state voting requirements, because they did not have voting rights before 1867.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ Act of 1965 allowed the federal government to register voters in districts where local officials appeared to be discriminating.
6. Full \_\_\_\_\_ suffrage was achieved in 1920 with the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment.
7. In 1971 the Twenty-sixth Amendment lowered the voting age from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ voters are those who are not registered members of any political party.
9. The use of patriotic symbols and celebrity endorsements are examples of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Every state but one requires voters to \_\_\_\_\_, officially record their names with local election boards before an election.

**Organizing Information** Write each of the factors that might influence voters' decisions under the appropriate heading in the table.

FACTORS INFLUENCING VOTER DECISIONS				
Personal Background	Party Loyalty	Campaign Issues	Candidate's Image	Propaganda

- health care
- lifelong Democrat
- United States flag
- effective speaking style
- taxes
- independent voter
- movie star endorsements
- electrician
- 25 years old
- college degree
- pleasing appearance
- the environment

**Critical Thinking** Answer the following question on a separate sheet of paper.

11. In what ways might voter registration prevent election fraud?