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CLASSROOM LAW PROJECT

LOWERING THE VOTING AGE

VOCABULARY

Directions: Frontload (introduce and review) these vocabulary words with your students to facilitate their understanding of the topic and coinciding resources:

1. **26th Amendment** (n.) - The Twenty-sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits the states and the federal government from using age as a reason for denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States who are at least eighteen years old..
2. **Cognition** (n.) - The mental action or process of acquiring knowledge and understanding through thought, experience, and the senses.
3. **Juvenile** (n.) - A young person or of, for, or relating to young people.
4. **Suffrage** (n.) - The right to vote in political elections.
5. **Primaries** (n.) - A preliminary election to appoint delegates to a party conference or to select the candidates for a principal, especially presidential, election.

CURRENT EVENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

Directions: As you read through news and other resources about TOPIC, consider the following questions:

- What is the current legal voting age where you reside?
- What is the 26th Amendment?
- What are the reasons for lowering the voting age?
- What are the reasons for not lowering the voting age?
- What type of historical precedent is there for lowering the voting age? How did lowering the voting age happen in the past?
- What are some current barriers to expanding voting rights to younger Americans?
- In your opinion, what should the national voting age be and why?