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CLASSROOM LAW PROJECT

2022 ELECTION: *BALLOT MEASURES*

VOCABULARY

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

1. **Amendment** (n.) - A minor change or addition designed to improve a text, piece of legislation, etc.
2. **Ballot** (n.) - A process of voting, in writing and typically in secret.
3. **Ballot Measure** (n.) - A law, issue, or question that appears on a statewide or local ballot for voters of that jurisdiction to decide.
4. **Bond** (n.) - A debt security issued by a government to support government spending and obligations.
5. **Direct Democracy** (n.) - A type of democratic form of government in which the electorate decides on policy initiatives without elected representatives as proxies.
6. **Referendum** (n.) - A general vote by the electorate on a single political question which has been referred to them for a direct decision.

CURRENT EVENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

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

- What is a ballot measure?
- How does a measure make it to the ballot in Oregon?
- In what ways do voters have direct influence on how Oregon runs?
- What are the ballot measures in the 2022 Oregon election? How would their implementation possibly impact the state and its residents?
- How do ballot measures relate to the concept of direct democracy?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of direct democracy compared to representative democracy? Explain.
- In your opinion, which ballot measure would be the most impactful? Explain.