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CLASSROOM LAW PROJECT

ELECTION RESULTS 2022

VOCABULARY

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

1. **Midterm Election** - (n.) A midterm election is an even-year election where the entire U.S. House and one-third of the U.S. Senate are up for election, but the president is not. Midterm elections always occur two years after a presidential election. The last four midterm elections occurred in 2018, 2014, 2010, and 2006. The next two will occur in 2022 and 2026.
2. **Nonpartisan** - (adj.) In the stricter sense, which is used by some government agencies (such as the Federal Election Commission and the Internal Revenue Service), the term nonpartisan may be used to describe a group or individual that does not expressly support one political party or candidate over another. More broadly, the term nonpartisan may sometimes be used to describe a group or individual that does not promote a particular political ideology.
3. **Gubernatorial** - (adj.) of or relating to a state governor or the office of state governor.
4. **Senate** - (n.) one of the two houses of the legislature (Congress) of the United States,, established in 1789 under the Constitution. Each state elects two senators for six-year terms.
5. **House of Representatives** - (n.) Is one of the two houses in the United States Congress and is often referred to as “the House.” The number of representatives each state has in the House of Representatives is proportional to its population.
6. **Absentee ballot** - (n.) A ballot completed and typically mailed in advance of an election by a voter who is unable to be present at the polls.
7. **Swing States** - (n.) A US state where the two major political parties have similar levels of support among voters, viewed as important in determining the overall result of a presidential election.

CURRENT EVENT ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

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

- What is a midterm election?
- In the state of Oregon we see an increase in almost every county of the number of registered voters. What helps get people to register to vote and come out to the polls on election day?
- In looking at Oregon's midterm election, what are some outcomes of the state ballot measures?
- Based on the measures that passed, what does this say about our state? What do people value?
- In looking at a specific ballot measure of interest, look up if it passed, and determine the impact or outcome on the state of Oregon and its citizens.
- Where did we see close races? What does this say about our state?
- Young people showed up in this election. What voting trends/details do you notice across the country? What voting trends/details do you notice in the state of Oregon?