

Voters2Be: Democracy and You Course

Session 1: Intro to Political Participation and Democracy

- Setting the stage: bias and differing views
- What is democracy?
- What is political participation?
- Political Participation Game
- Bill of Rights Writing and Reading Activity
- Connection between democracy and the Bill of Rights

Session 2: Importance of Voting

- Why is voting important?
- Voting statistics
- What are the powers of a vote?
- Impact of Voting Game
- History of voting in the US

Session 3: Voting Rights

- Review of why we vote
- How have people been denied the right to vote?
- Voting Rights simulation/game
- Why is it important that there are equal voting rights?
- Voting Rights and its connection to democracy

Session 4: The Issues: Becoming an Educated Voter

- In politics, what do people vote for?
- Becoming an informed voter: what you should care about when choosing a candidate
- Political Parties
- Fact Find Activity with the Issues: Economy, healthcare, coronavirus, crime, foreign policy, domestic policy, racial rights, LGBTQ rights, climate change, abortion

Session 5: Voting Simulation and Reasoning

- Recap of the course
- Voting Simulation Activity with issues and mock candidates
- Being a Voter2Be