

Voting Rights

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Do they have the right to vote? Use today's lesson and the voting rights chart to decide whether or not each person can vote and to state the reasons behind your decision.

Hi! I'm Mike. I am 17 years old and live in Illinois in 2011. Can I vote?



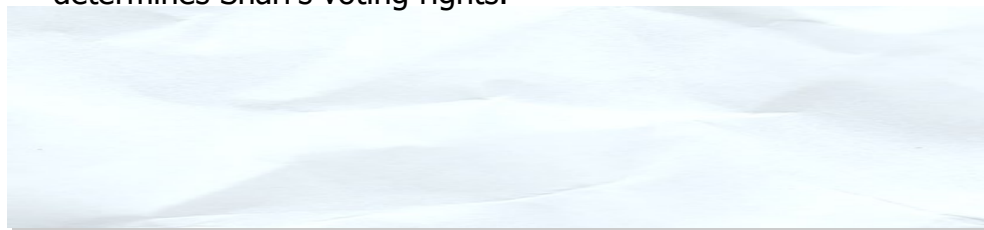
YES!

NO!

1. How do you know? Describe the law or amendment that determines Mike's voting rights.

Mike is too young! The 26th Amendment made it legal for 18 year olds to vote, but Mike is only 17.

2. How do you know? Describe the law or amendment that determines Shari's voting rights.



My name is Shari. I am 63, I live in Indiana, and the year is 1998. Can I vote?

YES!

NO!



Good day, I'm John! I am a poor man living in Rhode Island in 1792. Can I vote?



YES!

NO!

3. How do you know? Describe the law or amendment that determines John's voting rights.



4. How do you know? Describe the law or amendment that determines Smith's voting rights?



My name is Smith. I live in Alabama in the year 1955. I can read, but I live in poverty. Can I vote?

YES!

NO!



Hi! I'm Lea. I am 35 and live on the Cherokee reservation in North Carolina in 1987. Can I vote?



YES!

NO!

5. How do you know? Describe the laws or amendments that determine Lea's voting rights.



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My name is Mary. It is 1962 and I live in D.C. and would like to vote for the President. Can I?



YES!

NO!

6. How do you know? Describe the law or amendment that determines Mary's voting rights.

7. How do you know? Describe the law or amendment that determines Steve's voting rights.

I'm Steve. It is 1972, and I turned 18 while fighting in Vietnam. Can I vote?

YES!

NO!



I am, Marvin, a wealthy land owner in Maine. It is 1815. Can I vote?



YES!

NO!

8. How do you know? Describe the law or amendment that determines Marvin's voting rights.

9. How do you know? Describe the laws or amendments that determine Susan's voting rights. Be careful on this one!

I am Susan. It is 1880, and I am a former slave living in Wisconsin. Can I vote?

YES!

NO!



I'm just a kid and can't vote yet. But, I bet you could help me with my homework. I learned that early in U.S. history, only male landowners could vote. Is this true?



YES!

NO!

10. Where did the colonists get the idea that only male land owners should vote?