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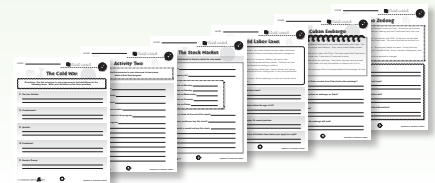
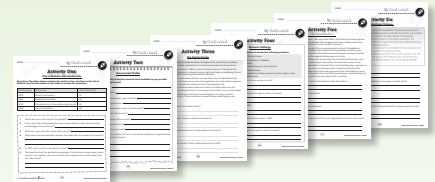
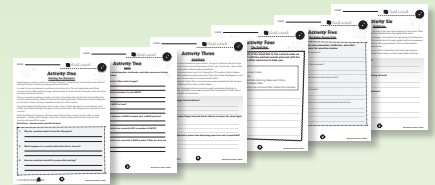
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History of the Voting System

1. Match each of the words below with the correct meaning. You may use a dictionary to help you.

a	option	_____	A	A government by the people
b	ancient	_____	B	From the Middle Ages
c	cast	_____	C	To choose by voting
d	election	_____	D	Very old
e	democratic	_____	E	To place a vote
f	medieval	_____	F	A choice

2. Voting is an important part of being a citizen. List three reasons why it is important to vote.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

3. There are several countries in the world where people are not allowed to vote. This could be because of their race, religion, or gender. Do you believe this is fair? Answer in two to three complete sentences.



History of the Voting System

Voting is an important part of a democratic government. It is a way for the people to choose between a number of different options. Voting can be used in everyday life in order to make decisions. Voting is used in elections because it allows the people to select the leaders they believe in most.

Voting has been used by governments for thousands of years. It is believed that voting was first created by the ancient Greeks in the 6th century B.C. There are no exact records, but most experts believe voting started around 508 B.C.

In ancient Greece, only male landowners could vote. This means that there were very few votes. These votes were written on broken pots and then counted. This way of voting was also used to choose leaders in ancient India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

How did ancient Greeks vote?



In medieval Venice, a new form of voting was created in the 13th century. This new type of voting is called "approval voting". In this system, voters cast a vote for every choice they feel is acceptable. They do not vote for people they do not like.

Medieval Venetians elected representatives to the Great Council. This group had forty members. This was one of the models for the parliamentary system of government.



History of the Voting System

1. Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.

- a) Voting was created by the ancient Romans.
TRUE **FALSE**
- b) Voting allows the people to choose their leaders.
TRUE **FALSE**
- c) Switzerland was the first country to let women vote.
TRUE **FALSE**
- d) Every country allows all their citizens to vote.
TRUE **FALSE**
- e) Medieval Venetians elected members to the Great Council.
TRUE **FALSE**
- f) The Carter Center helps elections around the world.
TRUE **FALSE**

2. Circle the event that happened first.

- a) Greeks voted using broken pieces of pots. Venetians used approval voting.
- b) Women had the right to vote in Saudi Arabia. Women had the right to vote in Canada.

3. The medieval Venetians created approval voting. In your own words, summarize how approval voting works. Your answer should be two to three sentences.



History of the Voting System

4. Imagine you could interview a woman in Saudi Arabia who is not allowed to vote in her country's elections. List three questions you would ask her about this topic.

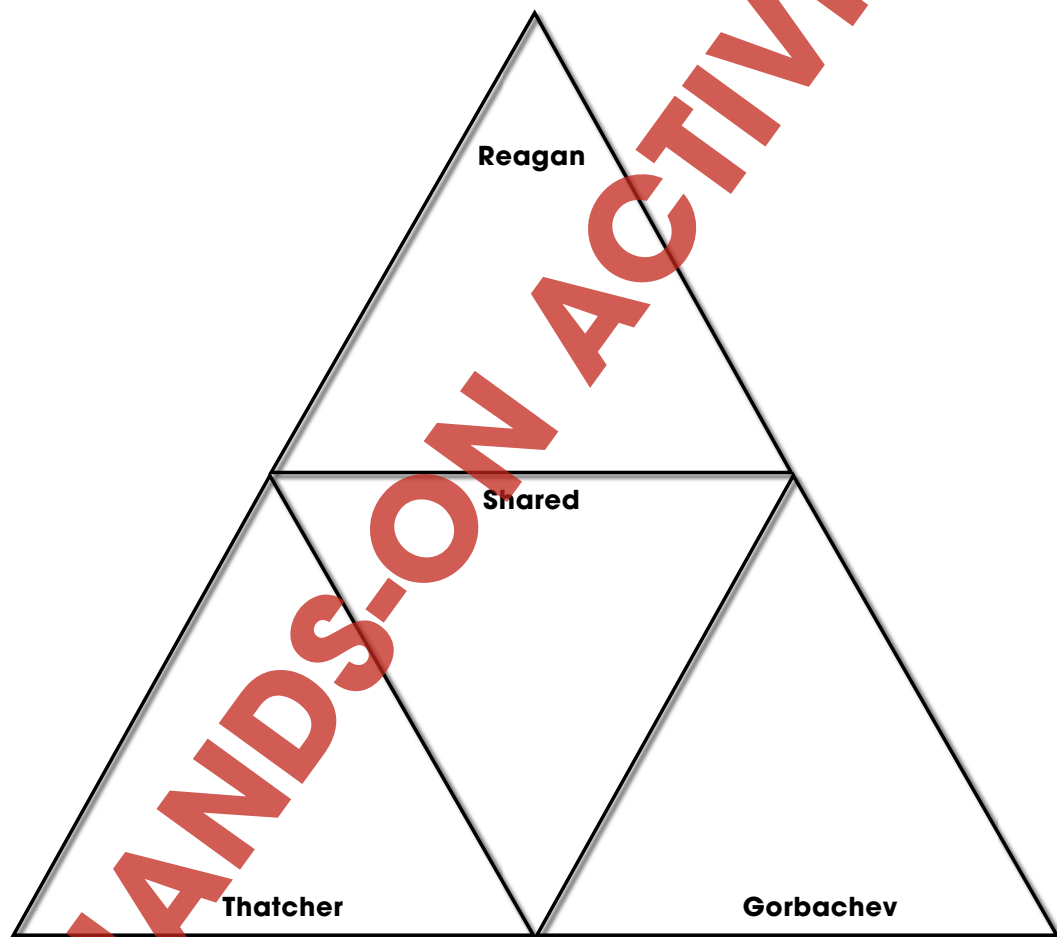
- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

5. If you were a leader in a country like Saudi Arabia that did not allow women to vote, would you change this? Your explanation should be at least two to three sentences.



Compare and Contrast Pyramid

Using the Pyramid below, describe how Reagan, Thatcher, and Gorbachev are similar to and different from each other.



Crossword Puzzle!

WORD LIST

ancient	citizens	compulsory
democracy	denied	dictator
eligible	ensure	fluctuating
fraud	install	obsolete
reform	suffrage	veto

Across

- A government by the people
- The power of a president to stop a law
- To change
- Turned down
- Changing
- A leader with absolute power
- To make certain

Down

- Out of date
- Under command
- The right to vote
- Trickery
- To set up
- Very old
- Qualified
- The people of a country



Comprehension Quiz

Part A

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Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.

- More people moved to cities during the Industrial Revolution.
TRUE FALSE
- People are encouraged to open their own businesses in Communist countries.
TRUE FALSE
- Small businesses do not benefit from Globalization.
TRUE FALSE
- The Russian Revolution led to the fall of Communism in the Soviet Union.
TRUE FALSE
- People are free to purchase what they want in a Capitalist country.
TRUE FALSE

Part B

Match the term on the left with the correct definition on the right.

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- | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------------------|---|
| 1 | economy | Countries | A |
| 2 | consumer | Slowly, over time | B |
| 3 | nations | A person that buys goods | C |
| 4 | corporations | The management of money | D |
| 5 | gradual | Large businesses | E |

SUBTOTAL: /10

U.S. Presidential Candidates

Candidate Requirements

- The candidate must be at least 35 years old.
- The candidate must be a natural born United States citizen.
- The candidate must have lived in the United States for at least 14 years.

These requirements can be found in Article Two of the United States Constitution.

Also, the 22nd Amendment of the Constitution states that no President may serve for more than two four-year terms.

Steps in Selecting a US President

Candidate Announces that They will Run for Office.

Candidates Campaign in State Primaries.

States Hold Primary elections and conventions.

The National Party Convention Selects Nominees for President and Vice-President.

Voters in Each State Choose Their Presidential Electors in the November General Election.

Electoral College Casts Its Votes for President after the General Election.

The President and Vice-President are Inaugurated in Late January.



Presidential System of Government

5. The vice-president has the power to break a tie in the Senate. The president does not have this power. Do you think the president has influence on the vice-president's decision? Explain your answer in two to three sentences.

6. The president has to share powers with the legislature in the presidential system. Predict what would happen if the president has total power and did not share power. What do you think would happen to the country? Your answer should be four to five complete sentences.

5. Answers will vary.

6. Answers will vary.

1. a) indefinite

b) parliament

c) execute

d) select

e) monarch

2. Answers will vary

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The three names are prime minister, premier, and president.

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1. The head of state approves the prime minister.

Parliament is elected by the people.

Parliament chooses the prime minister.

2. The head of state attends ceremonies and agrees to the laws created by the representatives.

3. Parliament selects a candidate for prime minister. The monarch approves the candidate, who then becomes the prime minister.

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4. Parliament selects the prime minister they want. In the presidential system, the people elect their leader. The president may not agree with the other representatives.

5. Answers will vary.

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EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY

