



“Your Vote is Magic” Questionnaire

1. Who is Lyn Dillies and what is she hoping this video will teach you?

Answer: Lyn Dillies is an illusionist. She is hoping this video will teach us about how important voting is in our lives.

2. How did her dad influence her passion about the importance of voting?

Answer: When Lyn was growing up her dad was very involved in politics and she learned through him how important voting is and that people working together can create change.

3. Why did she choose the name Your Vote Is Magic for her civic mission?

Answer: Lyn knew her dad really believed every person’s vote is magic because of the power it has.

4. In the late 1700’s when the Constitution was formed, the right to vote was not written in it. Who could vote in early American history?

Answer: Mostly white, wealthy, educated men

5. What does suffrage mean?

Answer: The right to vote

6. Who is John Lewis?

Answer: A famous civil rights leader

7. There were several prominent women in history who fought for women’s voting rights. Who organized the first Women’s Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, NY and why?

Answer: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott – during that time in history, women were not treated equally and felt invisible

8. What prompted Carrie Chapman Catt to become such a major activist for the Women's Suffrage Movement.

Answer: She was upset when she went to the polls with her parents and realized that only her father could vote and not her mother

9. What major event did Lucy Burns and Alice Paul organize?

Answer: A large parade in Washington D.C.

10. Who is Fredrick Douglas and what did he do in early American history?

Answer: Fredrick Douglas was an escaped slave who became a prominent activist

11. What are the mascots for each political party?

Answer: Republican party uses the elephant

Democratic party uses the donkey

12. Who was the first candidate to use the donkey?

Answer: Andrew Jackson

13. Who was responsible for the donkey and elephant becoming official mascots of each political party?

Answer: Illustrator Thomas Nast

14. Why does every vote matter? Does your vote make a difference, or is voting a waste of time?

Answer: Every vote matters, because in an election, whether you vote on an issue or for a candidate, they could win or lose by just one vote and that vote could have been yours if you had voted. No vote is ever a waste because

the election results are an important measure to see how voters feel about the issues and the candidates.

15. What is an incumbent?

Answer: An incumbent is an elected official running for reelection.

16. How do election results affect an incumbent?

Answer: The election results are a good reality check to gauge the job that they are doing. If it's a close race, it sends a message to them that almost half of their constituents don't approve of their job performance. They need to do a better job or they might not get re-elected again.

17. Why is it important to get to know the candidates and their policies before you vote?

Answer: Being an educated, informed voter is very important because depending on how candidates feel about certain issues and policies, the outcome of an election can impact your life and your family's life

18. What are some things around us in our every day lives that elected officials have the power to impact?

Answer: Air pollution, health care, infrastructure, racial equality, gun control, student debt, climate change, bridges being built, road work...

19. When was the 19th Amendment passed

Answer: 1920

20. What did you take away with you from watching this video?

Answer: In their words