

Task Background		
<p>Domain & Area: Social Studies - U.S. Government</p>		
<p>MN Standard Adult High School Diploma Social Studies Competency Area 1: U.S. Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual rights, duties and responsibilities within the state 		
<p>Task Description: The purpose of this task is for you to demonstrate knowledge around an important topic in U.S. Government: voting rights. In this task, you will read a pro/con text to build background knowledge on both sides of this issue and answer questions about the text with evidence from each side of the argument. You will also watch an ACLU video and complete a listening activity. Finally, you will write a letter to an elected official to express your opinions about this issue.</p> <p>Follow the directions for each activity carefully. The expectation is that you will complete the activities of this task mostly on your own. You may use resources such as dictionaries and research online as needed to complete the activities.</p>		
Activities		
<p>Title: Close Reading of Newsela Text - Pro & Con Sides</p>	<p>Materials: To complete this activity, you need to have the text <i>“Pro/Con: Is it time to allow America’s huge prison population to vote?”</i> and <i>Text Dependent Question Sets 1 & 2.</i></p> <p>Directions: Answer all questions completely in your own words. Do NOT copy answers directly from the text.</p>	
<p>Title: ACLU Video: “America Should Let People with Felonies Vote / At the Polls”</p>	<p>Materials: To complete this activity, you need the link to the <i>ACLU video</i> and the <i>Listening Activity Handout.</i></p> <p>ACLU Video link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgDkU9EEL3ALIPs</p>	
<p>Title: Writing a Letter to an Elected Official</p>	<p>Materials: To complete this activity, you will need the <i>Writing a Letter to an Elected Official Task</i>, <i>Sample Letters A & B handouts</i>, and the <i>Letter Directions and Checklist handout.</i></p>	
Checklist		
Activities	Date	Teacher Initials
<p>1. Close Reading Tasks</p> <p>a. Text (Pro Side) & Text Dependent</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p>

<p>Questions Set 1</p> <p>b. Same text (Con Side) & Text Dependent Questions Set 2</p> <p>2. ACLU Video</p> <p>a. View the short video “America Should Let People with Felonies Vote / At the Polls”</p> <p>b. Complete the Listening Activity</p> <p>3. Writing A Letter to an Elected Official</p> <p>a. Letter to an Elected Official</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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