

Section 2: Guided Reading and Review

Voter Qualifications

CHAPTER 6

A. As You Read

As you read Section 2, answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. According to the Constitution, can aliens vote? _____
2. Do any State governments today allow aliens to vote? _____
3. What are the two reasons that States adopted residency requirements?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
4. What is the longest period of residence that any State today requires before permitting new residents to vote? _____
5. What is the oldest minimum age a State can set for voters? _____
6. What kinds of information are voters usually asked to give when they register to vote? _____
7. a. Why do some people argue that voter registration ought to be abolished? _____
 b. Why do others believe registration is important? _____
8. What were the three provisions of the Motor Voter Law? _____
9. Why were literacy tests abolished? _____
10. In what region of the country was the poll tax once used? Why was it abolished? _____
11. What groups of persons are widely barred from voting? _____

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Complete each sentence by writing the correct term in the blank provided.

12. _____ is the ability to read or write.
13. A _____ was a sum of money that had to be paid by the voter at the time he or she cast a ballot.
14. _____ is a procedure for voter identification.
15. Election officials are regularly supposed to _____ their _____ of the names of those who no longer meet voting requirements.
16. Most States prohibit _____, people who live there for a short time, from being considered legal residents.