

Unit 5 Guide – Civics & Participation**Essential Questions:**

1. What does it mean to be a citizen?
2. What role do political parties play in American democracy?
3. What is the role of campaigns and elections in the political process?
4. Why is voting an important form of participating in government?
5. How do interest groups influence American government?
6. How does the media affect the political process?
7. How do voter identification laws affect democracy in the United States?

Standards/Benchmarks:

SS.912.C.2.1: Evaluate the constitutional provisions establishing citizenship, and assess the criteria among citizens by birth, naturalized citizens, and non-citizens.

SS.912.C.2.2: Evaluate the importance of political participation and civic participation.

SS.912.C.2.3: Experience the responsibilities of citizens at the local, state, or federal levels.

SS.912.C.2.8: Analyze the impact of citizen participation as a means of achieving political and social change.

SS.912.C.2.11: Analyze public policy solutions or courses of action to resolve a local, state, or federal issue.

SS.912.C.2.12: Explain the changing roles of television, radio, press, and Internet in political communication.

SS.912.C.2.14: Evaluate the processes and results of an election at the state or federal level.

SS.912.C.2.15: Evaluate the origins and roles of political parties, interest groups, media, and individuals in determining and shaping public policy.

SS.912.C.2.16: Analyze trends in voter turnout.

SS.912.C.3.5: Identify the impact of independent regulatory agencies in the federal bureaucracy.

Vocabulary: Define each term. The definition must be accurate in the context of our class. You may complete this assignment on notecards or on a sheet of paper, and it must be handwritten. For each term, list where you found the definition (example: Edgenuity, textbook, name of website). See the unit schedule for due dates.

Note: the two court cases must be completed in the following format: facts of the case, question, decision/impact. You may use www.oyez.org to help with this.

1. citizen
2. resident alien
3. Selective Service System (the draft)
4. electorate
5. political ideology
6. liberal
7. conservative
8. moderate
9. political party
10. third party
11. party platform
12. canvassing (for a campaign)
13. campaign manager
14. primary election
15. caucus (type of election)
16. national convention
17. general election
18. midterm election
19. political action committee (PAC)
20. super PAC
21. absentee ballot
22. voter registration
23. redistricting
24. gerrymandering
25. *Baker v. Carr*
26. interest group
27. lobbyist
28. petition
29. Federal Election Commission (FEC)
30. campaign finance laws
31. *Citizens United v. FEC*
32. mass media
33. public opinion poll
34. *Congressional Record*
35. voter ID laws