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ELECTION DAY READING PASSAGE

Read the paragraph. Then answer the questions.

Election Day is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. On this day, people vote for the candidates they want to make important decisions in their community, state, and country. The men and women running for office are called candidates. Polling places are locations where people go to vote. Many polling places are schools. When it is your turn to vote you fill out a ballot, which lists the names of the candidates. The ballot can be a paper ballot or an electronic one. Voting is done in private. Usually people stand behind a curtain to vote. After the polls close, the votes are counted and the results are reported. If the votes are very close, it may take longer to determine the winner. If the votes are very close, it may take longer to get the results.

In the United States, people can generally vote when they are eighteen years old. Voting is an important right. It is a chance to show your opinion to our leaders and to make a difference in your community and country.

What is a ballot?

Where do people usually go to vote?

Do you think voting is important? Explain.