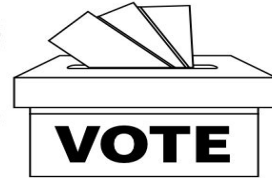


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WHY DO WE VOTE?



Voting is an important part of being a citizen. When people vote, they help choose leaders and make decisions for their community. Voting gives people a chance to share their opinions and have a voice in what happens around them.

In an election, people may vote for a candidate they think will be a good leader. They may learn about the candidates, listen to their ideas, and decide who they want to support.

People can vote in different kinds of elections. They may vote for local leaders, state leaders, or national leaders. Some elections also include questions about laws or community decisions.

Every vote matters because elections are decided by the choices of many people. Voting is one way people can take part in their government and help shape the future of their community.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why is voting important? _____
2. What can people choose when they vote? _____
3. What might people do before voting for a candidate? _____
4. Name one type of election mentioned in the passage. _____
5. How does voting give people a voice? _____