

# Guided Reading Activity

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## Voting and Elections

### Lesson 1 *Expanding Voting Rights*

#### Review Questions

**Directions:** Locate each heading below in your text. Then use the information under the correct heading and subheading to help you write each answer.

#### I. Voting Limitations in Early America

A. What is the relationship between an election and voting?

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B. Why was voting initially limited to property-owning males?

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#### II. African American Suffrage

A. What voting precedent was set with the Fifteenth Amendment?

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B. What was the purpose of the Fifteenth Amendment?

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C. How did Southern states continue to disenfranchise African American voters in spite of the Fifteenth Amendment?

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D. How did the Voting Rights Act of 1965 enforce the Fifteenth Amendment?

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E. What were the specific provisions of the various voting rights acts?

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