History of Voting in the USA

Introduction

Voting and democracy go together like macaroni and cheese. It's just hard to imagine one without the other. Of course, the United States was created in 1776 with the Declaration of Independence as a response to tyranny. After winning the Revolutionary War and struggling through the inadequacies of the Articles of Confederation, the U.S. Constitution was written in 1787 to establish our government. Much has changed in the United States since the 18th century, including our concept of who gets to vote in this democracy. Let's investigate to find out more!

Brainstorming

Part I - List words associated with voting.

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Part II - Make a list of groups of people who have been denied voting rights in US history.

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The US Constitution and Voting Rights			
What voting rights did the US Constitution give to Americans?			
What does the US Constitution say about presidential elections?			
How were US Senators originally selected?			
What is the role of the states in regards to voting rights?			
Who could vote at the time the US Constitution was put in effect?			
<u>Timeline of Changes in U.S. Voting Rights</u>			
After viewing the information contained in the above slideshow, what do			
you think the next step in democracy should be? What should be done to			
increase voting rights in the 21st century? Make sure to include the			
rationale for your idea(s).			