

# Voting

**Quotations** "If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal".

- Emma Goldman

"The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice and destroying the terrible walls which imprison men because they are different from other men."

- Lyndon B. Johnson

## Questions

1. Do you believe everyone should exercise their right to vote if they have the right to vote?
2. In countries like Cuba, N Korea, half of African nations, and any country run by a dictatorship, the people are not allowed to vote. Why is being able to vote so important?
3. Do you think Women's suffrage (the rights to vote) being denied or conditioned in some countries is fair? Do you believe women are as capable of making a voting decision as men?
4. Do you believe some or most elections are "rigged" and it wouldn't matter how you voted?
5. Have there been problems with voting in your country?
6. Compulsory voting is a system in which voters are obliged to vote in elections or attend a polling place on voting day. If an eligible voter does not vote, he or she may be subject to fines or community service. Why do you think some countries do this? Do you agree with this system?
7. How important is it for you to vote? Do you vote every time you can?
8. Do you tell your friends and family how you will vote? Do you believe it's better to keep your views private? Have you ever lost a relationship over your vote?
9. From what age do you think people should be able to vote?
10. The quotes above are very different. Which one do you agree with? Why?
11. Robert Frost said, "*Thinking isn't agreeing or disagreeing. That's voting*". What do you think he meant by this?

**Presentation** Work in teams to come up with 3-5 reasons why voting is important, 3-5 reasons why everyone should vote and 3-5 reasons why voting doesn't matter. Tally responses.