Brave Girls Virtual Story Time:

Equality’s Call: The Story of Voting Rights in America

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learning guide

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"CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED" : deems a government to be just only if it is supported by the people under which it exercises its political influence

VOTE : an expression of choice

ELECTION : a choice made through the act of voting

CITIZENSHIP : the legal status of being a member of a country

FRANCHISE or SUFFRAGE : the right to vote in an election

DEMOCRACY : a form of government in which the common people hold political power and rule through elected representatives

RIGHTS : one’s inherent or legal abilities to act

ABOLITION : the end of slavery

FOUNDING IDEAL : a standard on which a means of governing is built

FOUNDERS : the dreamers who originally made our country a reality

REPRESENTATION : speaking or acting on behalf of someone else

SUFFRAGIST : a person who advocates for the right to vote to be extended to more people

EQUALITY : fairness in status, rights, and opportunities

CIVIL RIGHTS : the rights of citizens to political and social freedom and equality

VOTER SUPPRESSION : discouraging or preventing people from voting

AMENDMENT : a change or addition designed to improve a law
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Voting-Related Amendments and Legislation:

- Fifteenth Amendment, 1870, granted African American men the right to vote:
  https://kids.kiddle.co/Fifteenth_Amendment_to_the_United_States_Constitution

- Nineteenth Amendment, 1920, granted women the right to vote:
  http://www.crusadeforthevote.org/

- The Indian Citizenship Act, 1924, granted citizenship to Native Americans:
  https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/the-indian-citizenship-act

- The Chinese Exclusion Repeal Act, 1943, granted citizenship to some Chinese immigrants AND The Immigration and Nationality Act, 1952, ended Asian-American citizenship restrictions:

- The Voting Rights Act, 1965, outlawed discriminatory voting rules such as literacy tests:
  https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/voting-rights-act
My Favorite Part of This Story is . . .

- Draw a picture;
- Journal your thoughts;
- Describe your favorite part of the story to someone else;
- Describe the American people in 3 words (here are ours!: caring, resilient, determined).
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