

Living in a Democracy! MUST DO!!!

As you know, you live in a democratic country. Our democracy will and can only succeed if YOU, the citizen, are active in it. Only 53% of all Americans voted in the 2008 Presidential Election. As a country, we are notoriously bad at participating in our democracy.

For this assignment you will have to participate in our Democracy by doing one of the following possible ideas:

Write a letter to a Congressman about a law or issue

Attend a town meeting (take notes)

Write a letter to a school or district Administrator about policies

Attend school board meeting (take notes)

Create a poster about elected officials (mayor to Obama)

Volunteer for two hours (See Mr. Worm)

See Mr. Worm if you have other ideas

Choose ONE of the Following

Neatness and creativity will be as important as information. Your attention to detail and amount of time spent on these assignments will greatly affect your grade. This assignment is homework, so you will not have class time to work on it! This is worth 25 points. PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME AND GIVE YOUR BEST EFFORT!!!

Writing → Must be 1-2 pages (around 300 words) (do not space out your words). Neatly written and correct grammar.

1. Why was the bill of rights essential for the passing of the Constitution?
2. What were the checks and balances and why was it important?
3. How does a bill become a law?
4. Why is the constitution considered a living document?
5. What problems from the Articles of Confederation did the Constitution fix?
6. See me if you have an idea of a writing topic.

Drawing→

1. Draw a storyboard about one of the writing options. This should be at LEAST 12 frames. This is to be done neatly and with A LOT of detail! Full color and NO stick figures.

Song or Movie →

1. Create a song about the bill of rights to a favorite melody.
2. Create a News Broadcast about the bill of rights or the separation of powers