



HISTORICAL SOCIETY *of the* NEW YORK COURTS

YOU, THE VOTER Essay Prompts

1. Winning the Right to Vote

Trace how voting, once the privilege of the elite, became the right of all citizens. Discuss the American journey to “one person, one vote” or focus on how a specific group or groups of Americans won the vote.

2. Barriers to Voting

Are some state legislatures limiting “one person, one vote” by passing laws that act as barriers that make voting difficult for some citizens?

3. Election District Boundaries

How do state legislatures enhance or diminish the principle of “one person, one vote” by redrawing voting districts? Is there a better way?