

# The Right to Vote

We the People

## Part I

When it comes to voting, the Constitution has been changed many times over the years. The definition of an eligible voter is a good example of this, having been the focus of many amendments. The time line on the right represents the dates of Constitutional Amendments that changed the rules for voting. Do research to complete the time line with the title of each amendment and a short explanation of the change it made.

1870

1913

1920

1961

1964

1971

## Part II

**Now, use a copy of the Constitution and the time line you've completed to answer the following questions.**

1. Which amendment allowed residents of the District of Columbia to vote for the president and vice president?
2. How many years after the Constitution was ratified did women receive the right to vote?
3. In what year was the voting age lowered to 18? Before this amendment, at what age could people vote?
4. How long after slavery was abolished were African-Americans granted the right to vote?
5. Before 1913, how were U.S. senators elected?