WHAT MATTERS TO ME WHEN I VOTE?

My name is _____

Date _____

PART 1: WHAT MATTERS TO ME?

We all care about different things. There are no right or wrong answers. Think about your life and **what matters to YOU.**

For each topic, choose:

- ♥ **Yes**
- **–** **No**
- **?** **Not Sure**

My Home

Where I live and who I live with.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

Getting Around

Getting to work, appointments, stores, activities, or other places.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

My Job and Money

This is about working and money.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

My Health

Getting the health care and medicine I need. Having people listen to me about my health.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

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Loving Who I Want

Choosing who I date, have sex with, or marry. Being accepted for who I am and who I love.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

Being Treated Fairly

People being treated fairly and with respect.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

My Safety

Getting information and help during an emergency.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

Learning

Having chances to learn new things.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

People I Care About

Things that are important to my family, friends, and other people I care about.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

Feeling Safe

Feeling safe where I live and in my community. Having people and leaders work to keep our communities safe.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

My Choices

Making choices about my own life.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

My Community

Things that affect my neighborhood, my island, and Hawai'i.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

The Environment

Taking care of our land, water, air, plants, and animals.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

My Beliefs

Choosing my own beliefs. Being able to practice my beliefs, or not have a religion.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

Cost of Living

Being able to pay for things I need. This can mean food, housing, bills, and other things.

Is this important to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

Something Else

What else matters to YOU? Something important to me that is not on this list:

_____

_____

_____

_____

PART 2: MY TOP 3 VALUES

Look back at the things you said mattered **a lot.**
These are your values.
Now choose the 3 **values** that matter **MOST** to you.

★ **1**

Why does this matter to me?

★ **2**

Why does this matter to me?

★ **3**

Why does this matter to me?

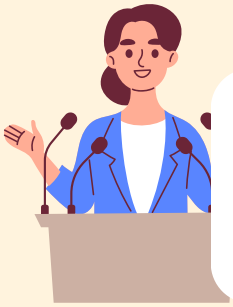
PART 3: WHAT WOULD I LIKE TO BE BETTER?

Think about your **Top 3**.

What would you like to change or make better?

You can write, draw, or tell someone.

PART 4: LEARN ABOUT THE CANDIDATES



A **candidate** is a person running for office.
Candidates have different ideas.
We will practice comparing 2 candidates.

What To Do:

1. **Pick a race.** Choose a job people are running for.
2. **Find 2 candidates.** Look up 2 people running for that job.
3. **Learn about them.** What do they say about things that matter to YOU?
4. **Compare them.** Whose ideas match your values?

Candidate 1:

Name _____

Do they talk about things that matter to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

One thing I learned or liked:

_____

What do I think?

☐ I like their ideas
☐ I'm not sure
☐ I don't like their ideas
☐ I need more information

Candidate 2:

Name _____

Do they talk about things that matter to me?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

One thing I learned or liked:

_____

What do I think?

☐ I like their ideas
☐ I'm not sure
☐ I don't like their ideas
☐ I need more information

What Did I Learn?

- ☐ Candidate 1 matches what matters to me more.
- ☐ Candidate 2 matches what matters to me more.
- ☐ I like some things about both.
- ☐ I need to learn more.

Now You Can Do This When You Vote!

We practiced with 2 candidates.
You can use these steps to learn about all the candidates and races on your ballot.

1. Look them up.
2. Think about what matters to you.
3. Compare their ideas.
4. Make your own choice.

My Vote Is My Choice!

It is okay to ask for help. Someone can help you:

- ✓ Read and understand information
- ✓ Learn about candidates
- ✓ Talk about what matters to you

But YOU make your own choice. No one should tell you:

- ✗ What you should care about
- ✗ Who you should vote for

Other people may have different opinions.
That is okay!

PART 5: WHAT DOES VOTING MEAN TO ME?

Now think about everything you learned.

Why might YOU want to vote?

You can write, draw, or tell someone your answer.