Pre-questions

Describe the process of apportionment and redistricting.

Why is our representative process organized geographically? Why do some states have more representatives than others?

What information is needed to conduct the redistricting process?

What are some positive and negative effects of gerrymandering?

Demographic Information

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_\_ Home or School ZIPcode \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congressional District \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you interested in this topic?

* I am studying this topic in school. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* I am concerned about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* I am running for political office.
* Someone convinced me to come hear about this topic.
* Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How many Congressional districts does your state have? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw your Congressional district on the map. It does not need to be detailed.

*If you like, draw all the Congressional districts in the state.*

Post questions

Why is population distribution important to electoral districts?

Describe “cracking and packing” as related to drawing electoral districts. Use a visual aid if necessary.

Is it possible to divide a state into electoral districts mathematically? Why or why not?

What kinds of factors must a cartographer take into account when drawing congressional districts in a state?

Who do you think should draw the lines in your state? How can the process be transparent?

What are the most important issues to you in terms of elections?

Explain how party polarization has strengthened party influence in Congress.

The voting patterns of members of Congress correlate most strongly with

A. the population density of their districts

B. their economic background

C. their educational level

D. their political party affiliation

E. the location of their districts

Which of the following statements about gerrymandering is true?

A. It has been banned by United. States Supreme Court decisions beginning with *Baker v. Carr.*

B. It was used traditionally to maintain urban control of the House of Representatives.

C. It can be used by a political party to draw boundary lines to control as many districts as possible.

D. It guarantees greater constituency control over elected representatives.

E. It ensures liberal control of the House of Representatives.