***Unit 2: Homework # 1***

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**Voting Amendments**

***Part I: Instructions*** -*Read pages 259-261 and answer the following questions in complete sentences.*

**1. What is the minimum voting age in the United States**? (**Hint: read Becoming a Voter on pg. 259)**

a. 16

b. 17

c. 18

d. 21

**2. How do primary elections differ from general elections?** (**Hint: read Elections on pgs. 259-261)**

a. Primary elections take place every single year while general elections happen every 4 years

b. Primary elections select a top party candidate, while general elections choose the winner of the election.

c. General elections are used to choose the president, primary elections are only used in state races.

**3. How have voting methods changed during the past 200 years?** (**Hint: read Voting on pg. 261)**

***Part II: Instructions****- Read pages 118-122 and complete the following questions in complete sentences.*

4. Which group(s) of Americans had the right to vote in the 1789 presidential election? (**Hint: read Civics in Practice on pg. 118)**

**5. Voting Amendments: Complete the chart below**

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| **Amendment** | **Year Ratified** | **Summary of Amendment** |
|  | 1870 | Gave African American men the right to vote |
|  | 1920 | Gave women the right to vote |
|  | 1961 | Gave residents of Washington, D.C. the right to vote in national elections |
|  | 1971 | Lowered the voting age for men and women to 18 years old. |

**Part III: True or False**

\_\_\_\_\_\_6. - In 1870, Hiram Revels was the first African American member of the United States Congress.

\_\_\_\_\_\_7. – The 26th Amendment outlawed the poll tax.

\_\_\_\_\_\_8. – Today, American’s vote by open ballot system.

\_\_\_\_\_\_9. - The two types of primary elections are open primaries and closed primaries.

\_\_\_\_\_\_10. – American citizens must register before they are eligible to vote.