Worksheet 2.3: The Right to Vote

Answer the following questions based on research of the pathway to universal suffrage in Canada.

Suggested resources:

- Handout 2.2: A History of Voting Rights in Canada
- The Evolution of the Federal Franchise / A History of the Vote in Canada — www.elections.ca

1. What is universal suffrage?

2. Before 1900, who was allowed to vote? Who was not allowed to vote?

3. Summarize the story of women's suffrage. When were women allowed to vote in Canada? When were women allowed to vote in Alberta?

4. How has voting been made more accessible and convenient for electors?

5. Do you believe it is important to vote? Why or why not?