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Social Studies

Topic: Government

Brief notes

Citizen participation in government is essential in a democracy. People involvement in government has developed over centuries. Ordinary people did not always enjoy this privilege. From studying history you should remember that at one time only free white men over 21 could vote until 1962. Today, the Bahamas has universal adult suffrage because others have fought for our right to be involved. Now all adult persons over the age of 18, who meet the requirements, can vote in an election to their Member of Parliament. The right to vote is a privilege that every citizen should proudly take part. Average men and women can become MPs. We all can do our duty as a good citizen.

ACTIVITY ONE

True or false

Instructions: Write true if the statement is true and false if the statement is false

1. _____ historically people have always been involved in the government process.
2. _____ the legal voting age is 21 years old.
3. _____ every citizen has the right to vote in the Bahamas because of universal adult suffrage.

4. _____ only educate rich white people has the right to vote in the Bahamas.
5. _____ the right to vote is a privilege.

ACTIVITY TWO

1. What type of Government is practised in the Bahamas?

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2. Explain why is voting considered a privilege?

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3. Explain FULLY in your own words the statement “Of the people by the people for the people”.

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