

**VOTING GRAPHS**

(20 minutes)

OBJECTIVE

Students appreciate the impact of their vote.

MATERIALS

Construction paper; scissors; butcher paper
(not necessary if you use a chalkboard/
whiteboard)

GET READY

- ✓ Cut construction paper into 1-inch squares and hang a large piece of butcher paper.
(You may alternatively use your chalkboard to create the graph.)

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Have your students participate in a vote.
Either come up with a question relevant to your classroom or let your students come up with one.
- ✓ Have your students graph the results of the vote. They can create a graph on the blackboard or on the piece of butcher paper.
- ✓ Have one student read the results while others place the paper squares or fill in the graph with chalk.
- ✓ Carry out the results of the vote as it affects the classroom (we will have no math homework tonight, etc).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ *Do you have power to make decisions and changes when you vote?*
- ★ *What happens if you decide not to vote?*
- ★ *Is this how our government tallies the vote?*
- ★ *How do they do it?*