**YOUR NAME**

**Citizenship Portfolio Part 1: Voting Worksheet**

**HIST 1130: Introduction to the History of the United States**

**Due by Wednesday, January 22nd, 2019**

**Question 1. Register to vote:**

a) **If you *are* eligible to vote**, register to vote in *either* your home state or in Massachusetts (you cannot register to vote in both, so choose which one you want to vote in). Provide evidence below that you successfully completed your voter registration or have submitted your paperwork to do so. This can be a screenshot of a webpage or email, a photo of a letter – anything that gives proof that you registered. *If you have previously registered to vote*: either provide documentation of your voter registration status or describe in 1-2 sentences when, where, and how you registered to vote.

b) **If you are *not* a U.S. citizen or are otherwise ineligible to vote**, pretend that you are registered to vote in Massachusetts as a resident of: *10 Forsyth Rd., Boston, MA 02115*. Where would you go if you were to vote in-person on election day?

*Address of polling station:*

**Question 2.** List **three differences** in voting eligibility requirements between the states of Massachusetts and Alabama today:

a)

b)

c)

**Question 3.** Go to the website *Mapping Early American Elections* at <http://earlyamericanelections.org/>.

Select one state (any state *except* Massachusetts) and examine an election map for one election from the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Congresses. Note: make sure you choose a state for which there is available data – ie. it does not say “Mapping this election is not possible because there are insufficient returns at the town and county levels.”

**State:**

**Election**:

Two major **political parties** in that election:

1.

2.

What were some of the **differences** between these two parties?

How did each party do in that state for that election?

What is your **favorite name** from the list of candidates who ran for Congress in your state during that election? ☺

**Question 4.** Look up the state you chose for Question 3 in Donald Radcliffe’s article “The Right to Vote and the Rise of Democracy, 1787–1828” (which you can download at: <http://cblevins.github.io/sp20-intro-us/downloads/Ratcliffe_TheRightToVote.pdf>). Who was eligible to vote in your state in the 1790s and early 1800s? And who was not eligible to vote?

**Question 5.** Read the short essay by Rosemarie Zagarri, “What Did Democracy Look Like? Voting in Early America” (<http://earlyamericanelections.org/blog/2017/09/01/what-did-democracy-look-like.html>). Zagarri writes: “elections during the first few decades of the new nation’s existence were often haphazard affairs.” What are **four specific examples** from the essay that support her claim?

1.

2.

3.

4.