



## Compulsory Voting—Lesson Plan

### Student Objectives

- Discuss the importance of voting in democratic societies.
- Learn how *compulsory voting* works in democratic countries that use it.
- Analyze the reasons for supporting and opposing compulsory voting.
- Identify areas of agreement and disagreement with other students.
- Decide, individually and as a group, whether compulsory voting is a necessary democratic reform; support decisions based on evidence and sound reasoning.
- Reflect on the value of deliberation when deciding issues in a democracy.

### Question for Deliberation

*Should voting be compulsory in our democracy?*

### Materials

- Lesson Procedures
- Handout 1—Deliberation Guide
- Handout 2—Deliberation Worksheet
- Handout 3—Student Reflection on Deliberation
- Compulsory Voting—Reading
- Compulsory Voting—Selected Resources
- Compulsory Voting—Deliberation Question with Arguments  
*(optional—use if students have difficulty extracting the arguments or time is limited)*