**Assignment: Voting Worksheet**

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

**Due by Sunday, October 28th, 2018**

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

a)

b)

c)

2. **Register to vote.** Plan ahead! Some states require you to register up to one month before the election: <https://www.vote.org/voter-registration-deadlines/>. You have two options, depending on your situation:

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 wish to vote in). Insert an image into this worksheet that includes documentation of your voter registration. This can be a screenshot of a webpage or email, a photo of a letter – anything that gives proof that you registered.

*Insert image here:*

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 voting in-person on election day?

*Address of polling station:*

3. Use <https://vote-usa.org/> and look up what your ballot will look like on November 6th. **Please note:**if you could not register to vote, pretend that you are registered in Massachusetts as a resident of *10 Forsyth Rd., Boston, MA 02115*. Choose **one race** in the upcoming election that meets the following criteria, then do some outside research to answer four questions about the race you selected:

* Is *not* a national race (ex. not a U.S. Senator)
* Is *not* a Governor’s race
* Has at least *two* candidates on the ballot.

a) Title of the office:

b) What are the major responsibilities of that office?

c) Who are the candidates on the ballot?

d) What are the major differences between these candidates – policy, stylistic, personal background, etc.? How would you, as a potential voter, go about choosing who to vote for? Go beyond “One is a Democrat and one is a Republican.”

4. Write a 500-word reflection on this assignment. Some questions to consider: Did you learn anything new? Did you find anything surprising? How does this assignment relate to Parts I and II of the Citizenship Portfolio?