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Enchanted Rock

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Enchanted Rock



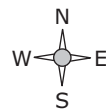
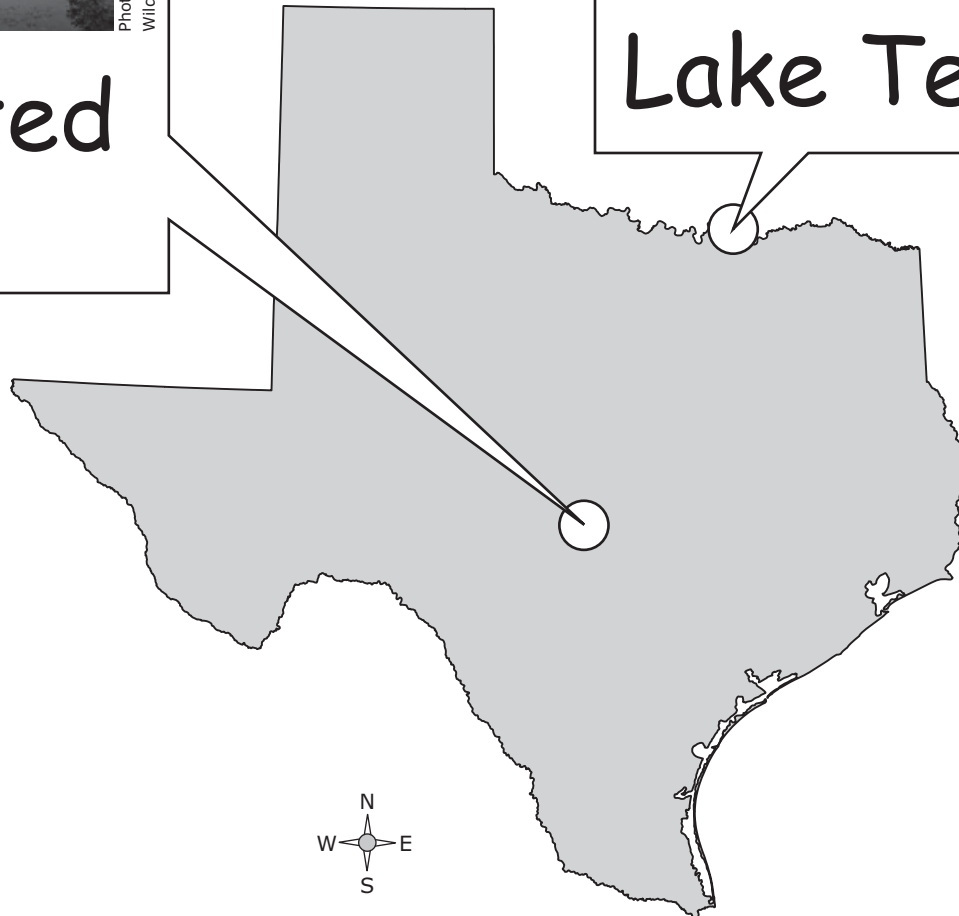
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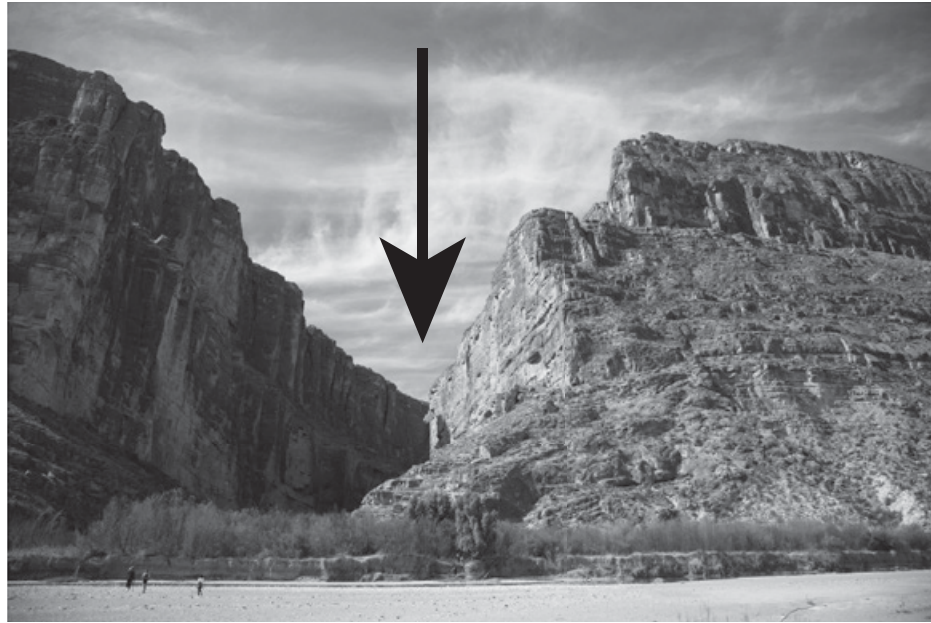


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Lake Texoma



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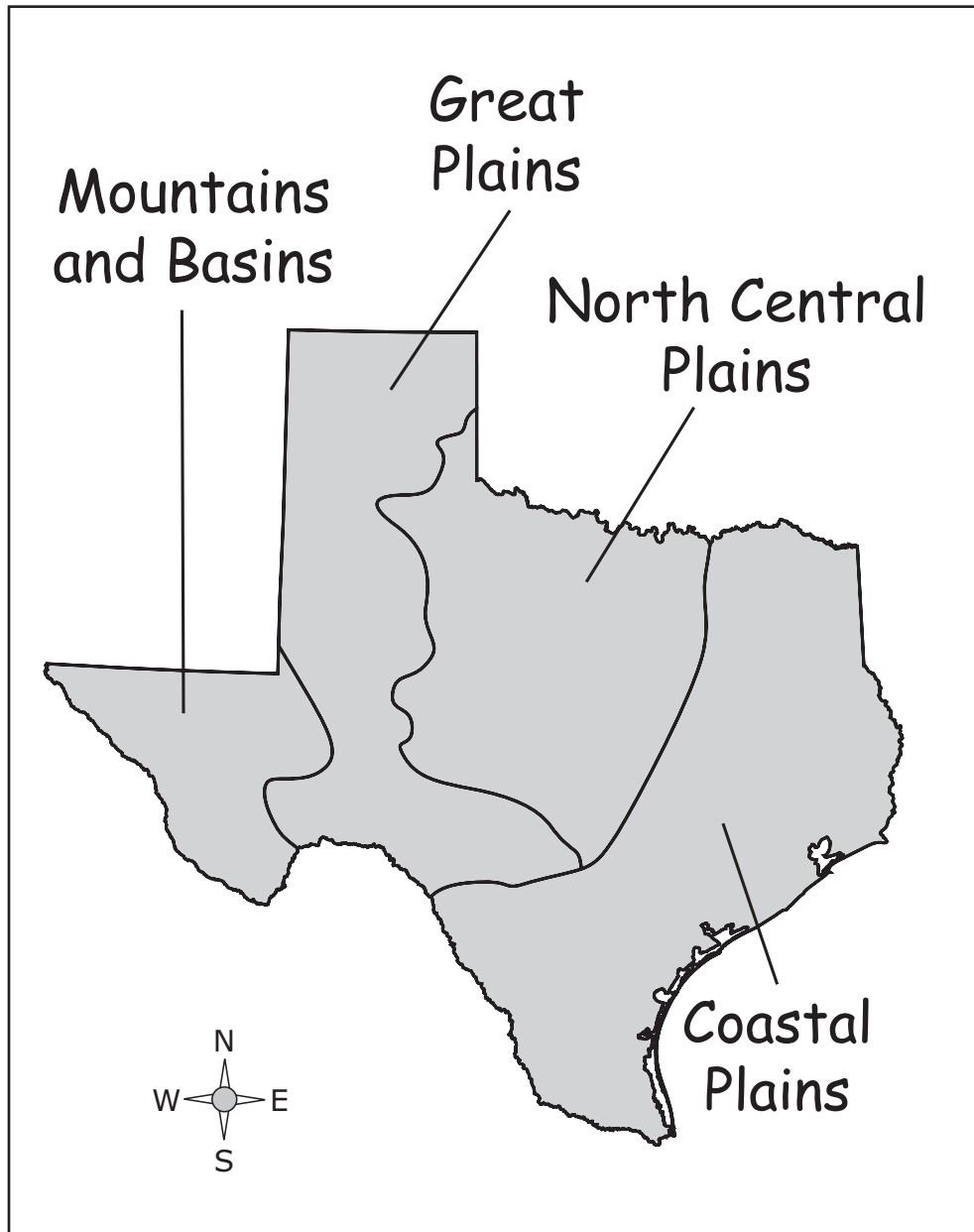
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island

volcano

canyon

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- Dry climate
- Hard to farm
- Mostly desert
- Has cacti
- Few people live there



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Plains



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Mountains
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Coastal
Plains

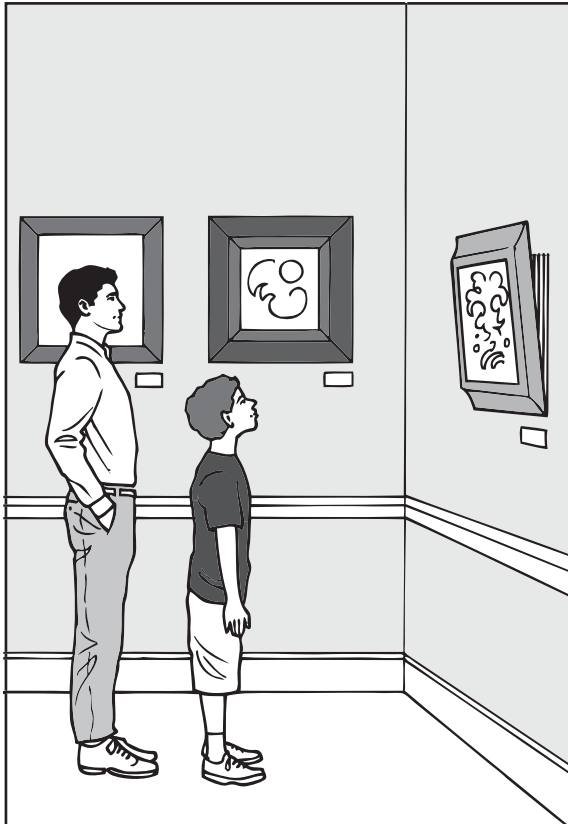


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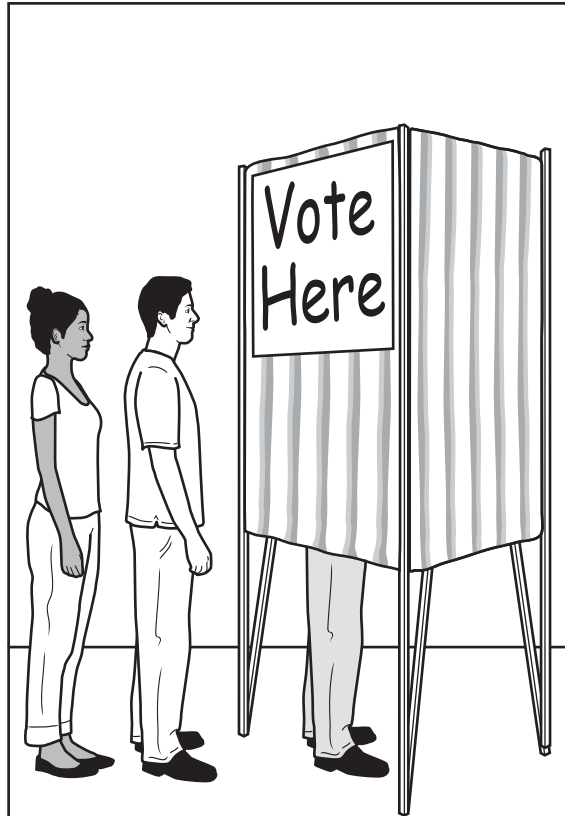


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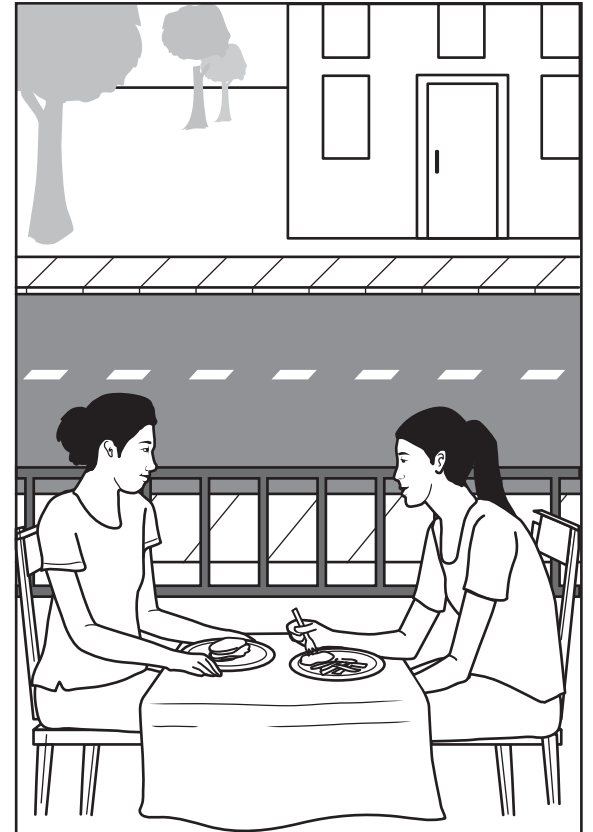




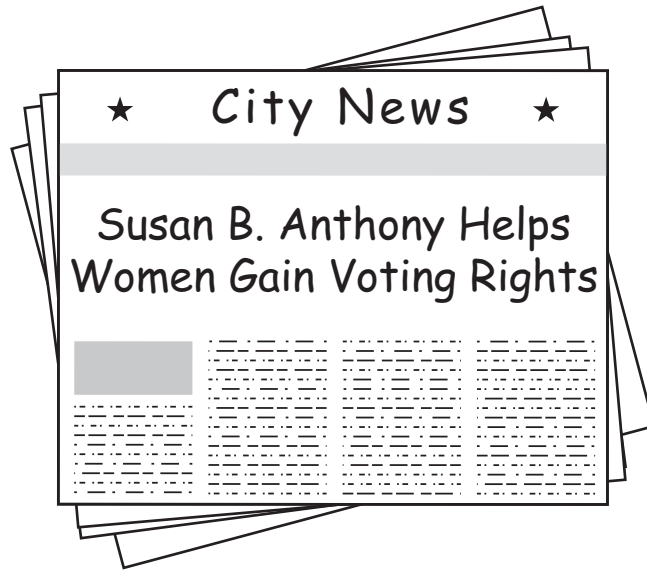
visit exhibits at a museum



vote in a local election



meet a friend for lunch



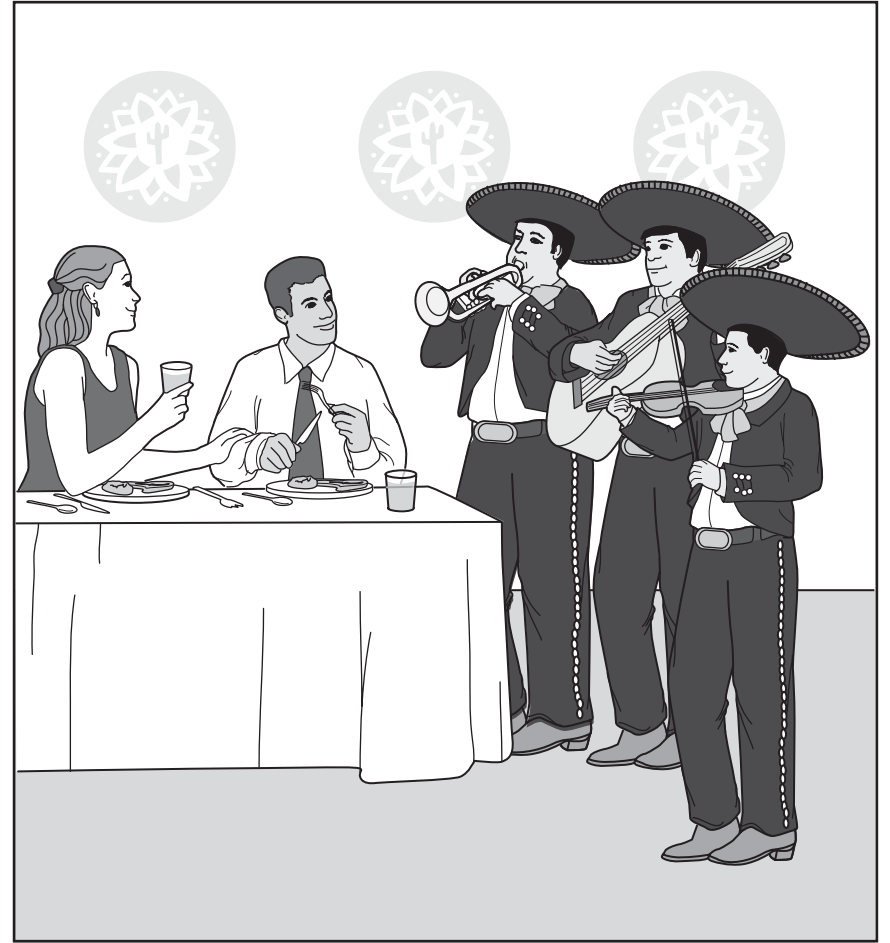
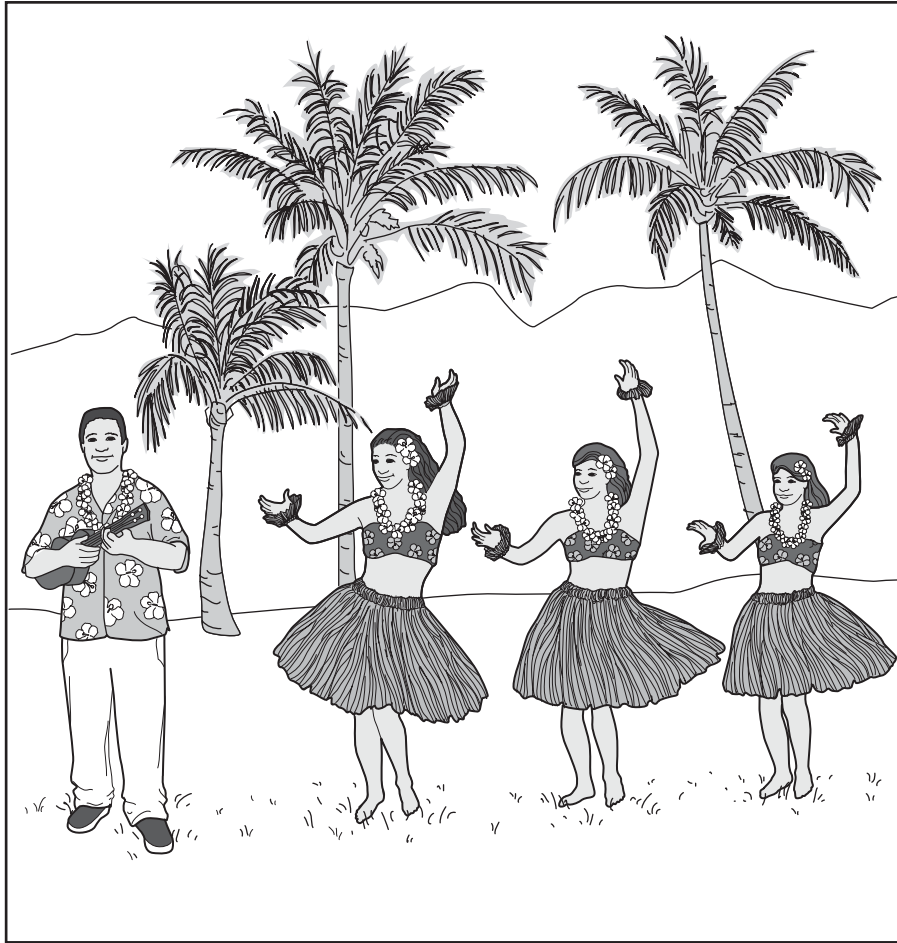
Citizens cannot change laws in communities.

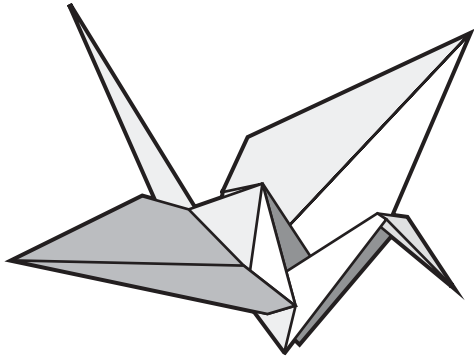
Citizens have few individual freedoms.

Citizens can cause changes in government.



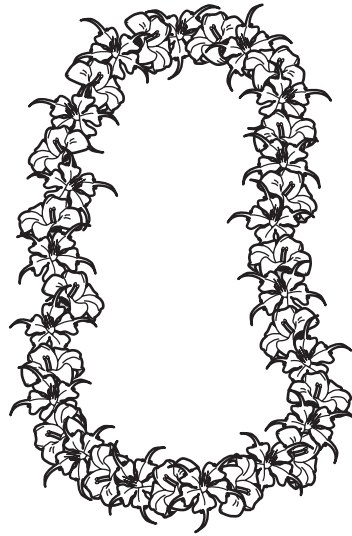






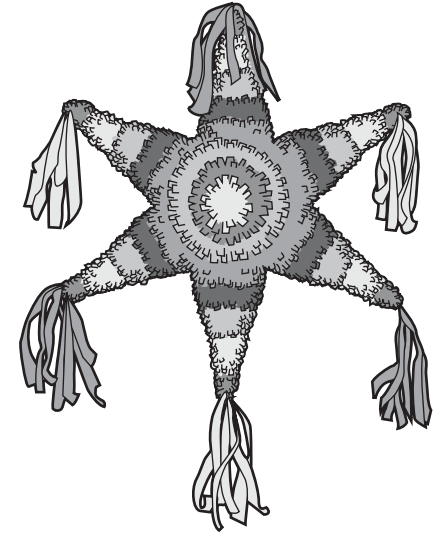
Origami

paper folded
into a shape



Lei

a necklace
made of
flowers



Piñata

a decoration
filled with
small toys
and candy

Juneteenth

Houston, Texas

June 19

3 P.M. to 6 P.M.

Traditional songs
Parade and speakers

Celebrate
African American
freedom



Cinco de Mayo

San Antonio, Texas

May 5

6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Folklórico dancers
Traditional music

Experience Mexican
heritage and pride



Oktoberfest

Fredericksburg,

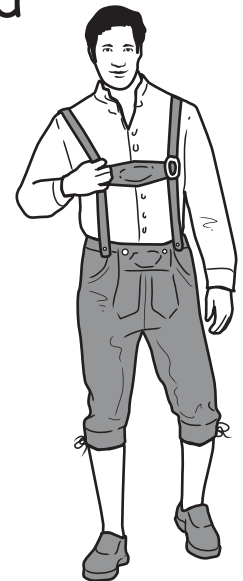
Texas

October 2

1 P.M. to 5 P.M.

German food
Arts and crafts

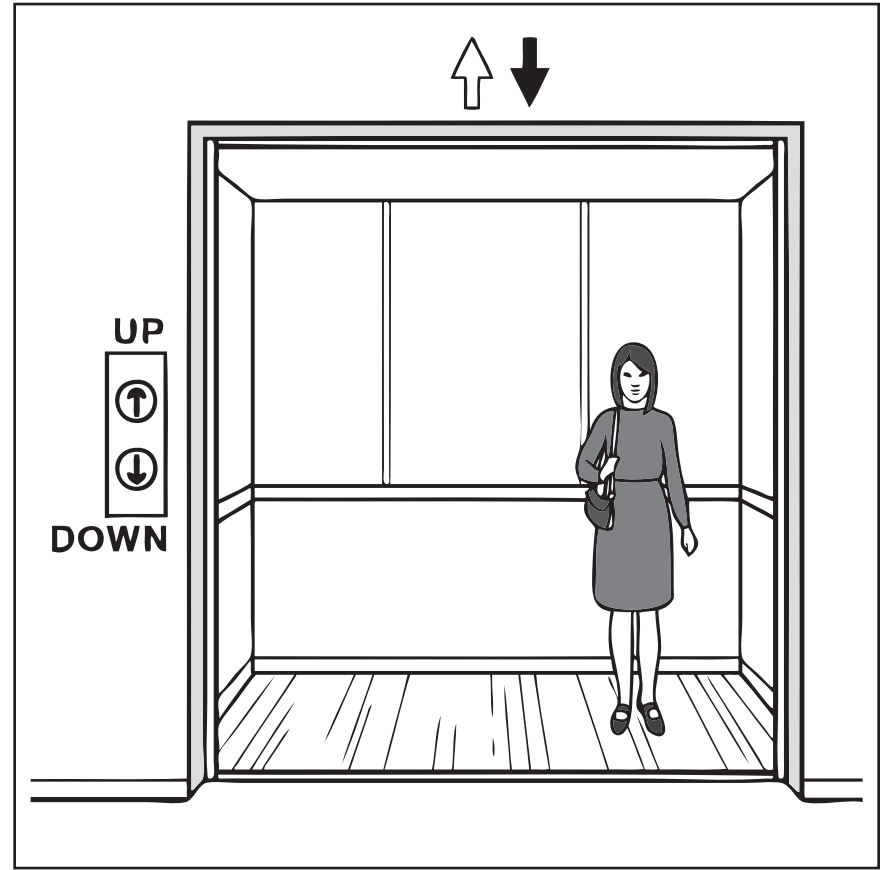
Observe German
customs and
traditions



Texans use marching bands and music in parades to celebrate.

Texans celebrate customs from different cultural groups.

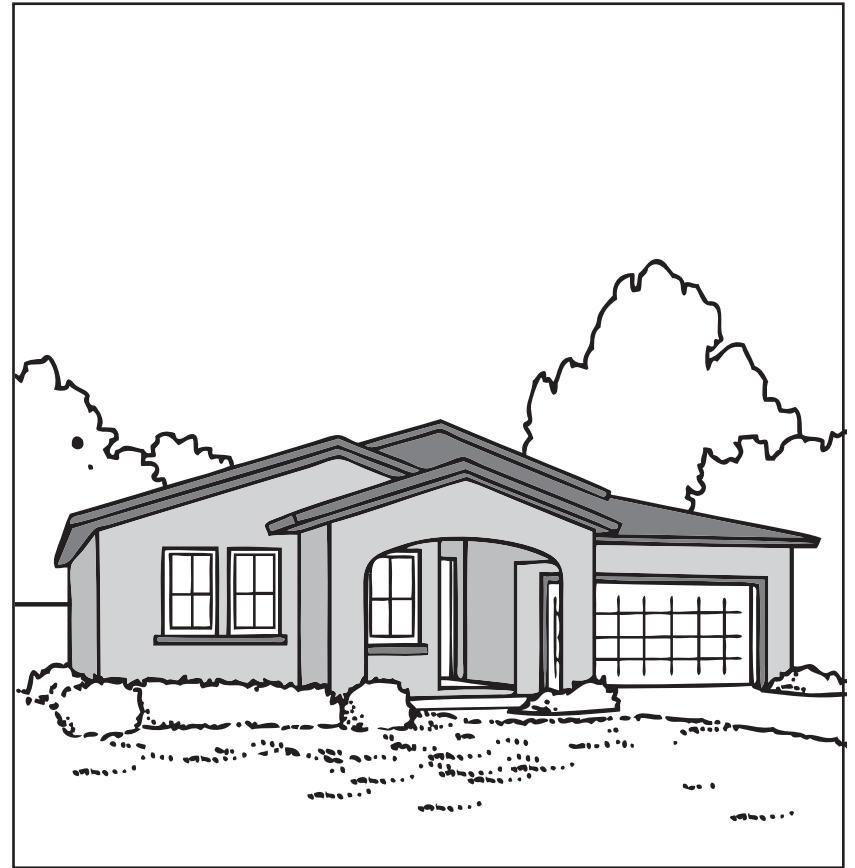
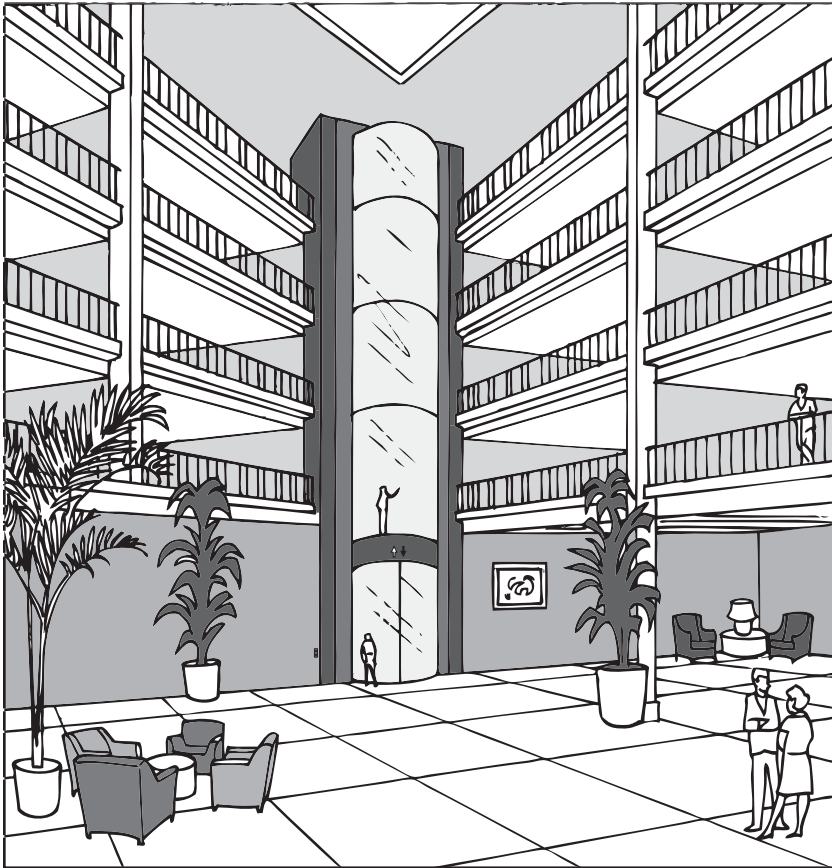
Texans do arts and crafts during all celebrations.

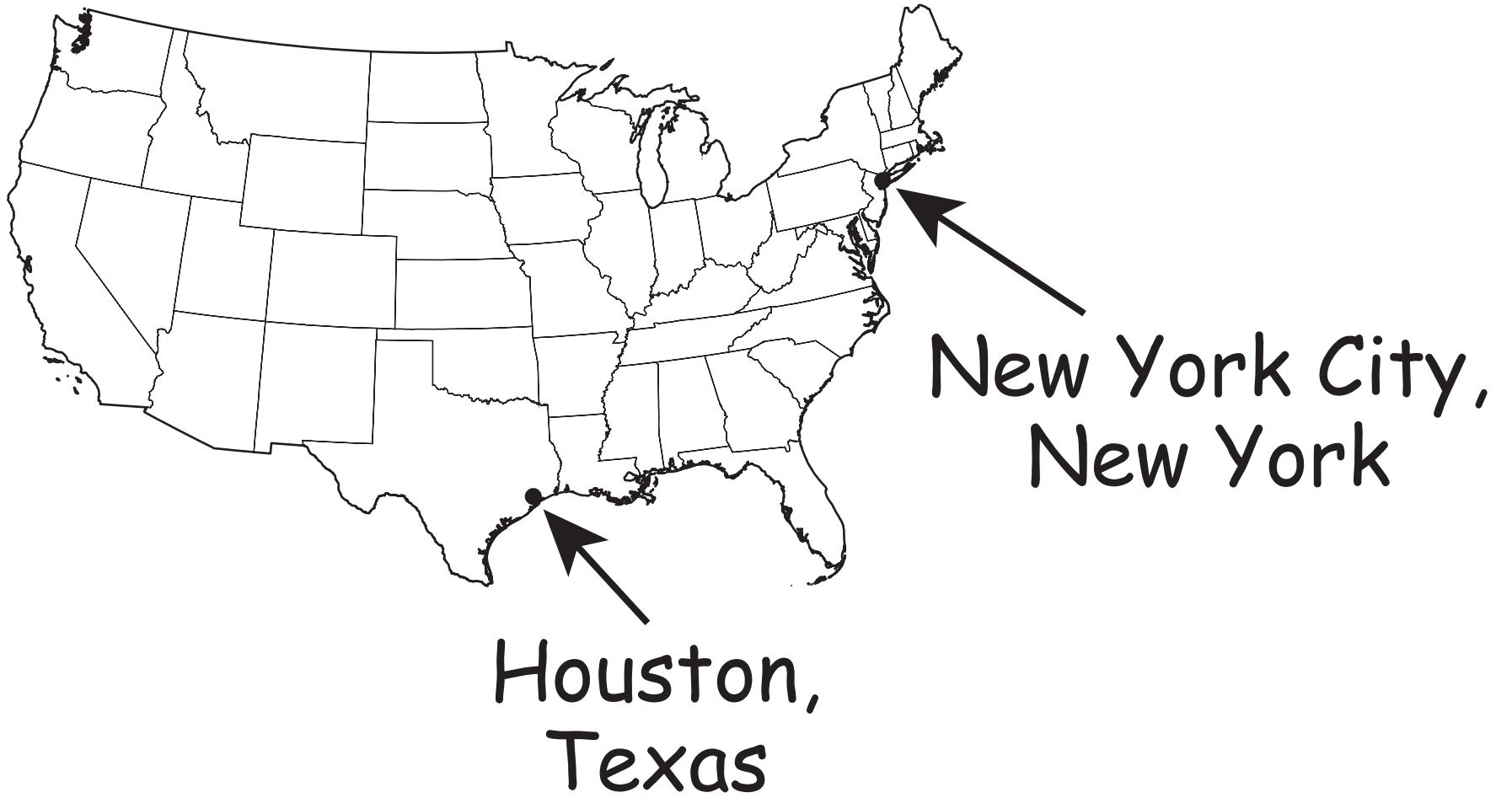


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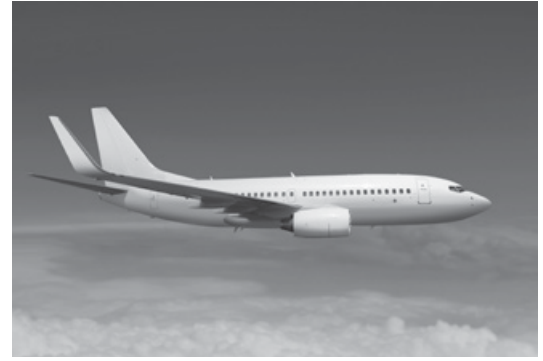
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train

car

airplane

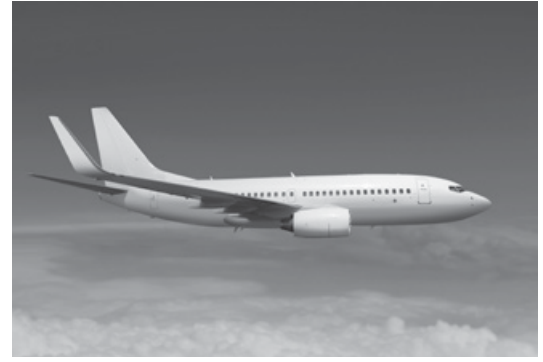
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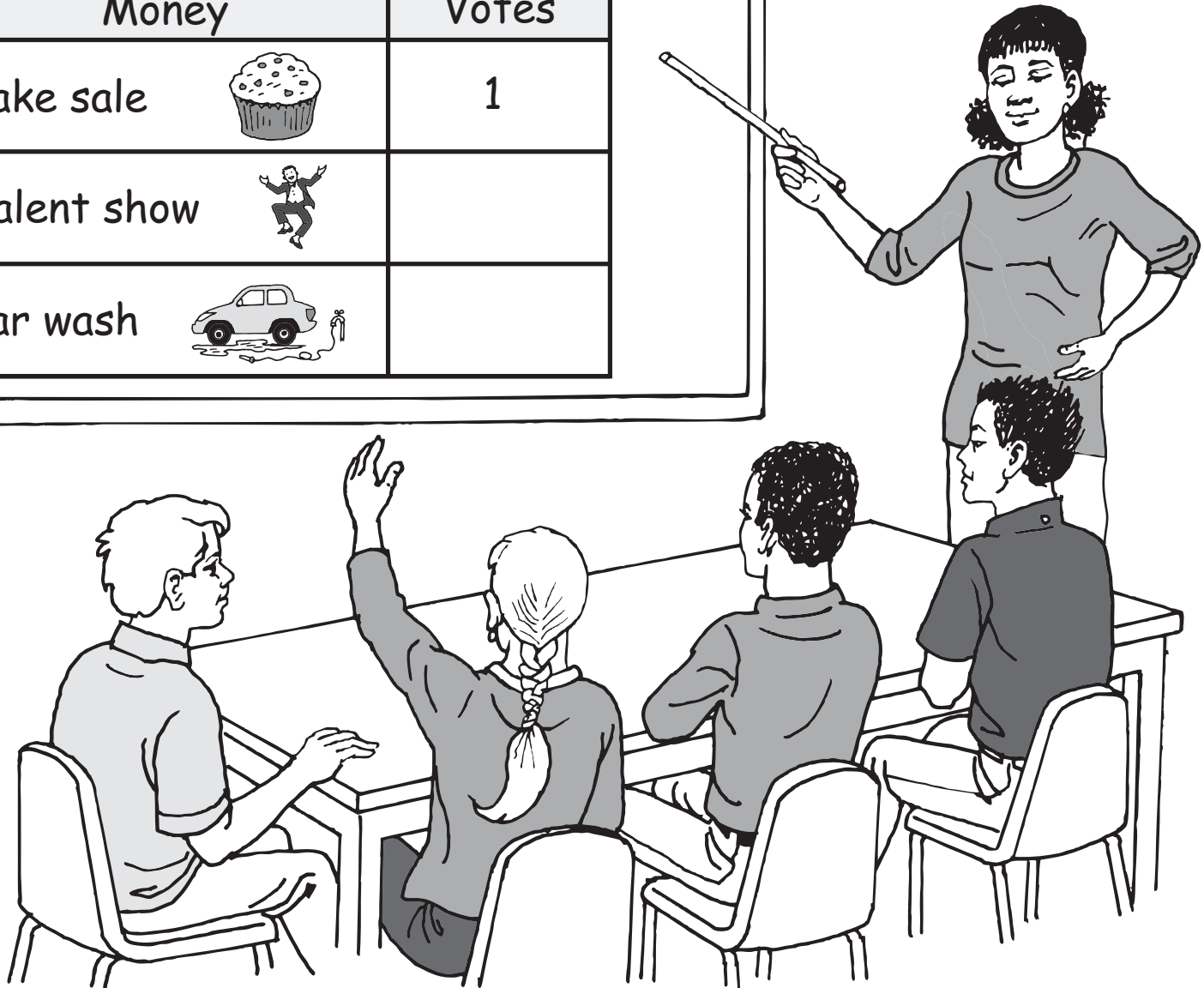
airplane

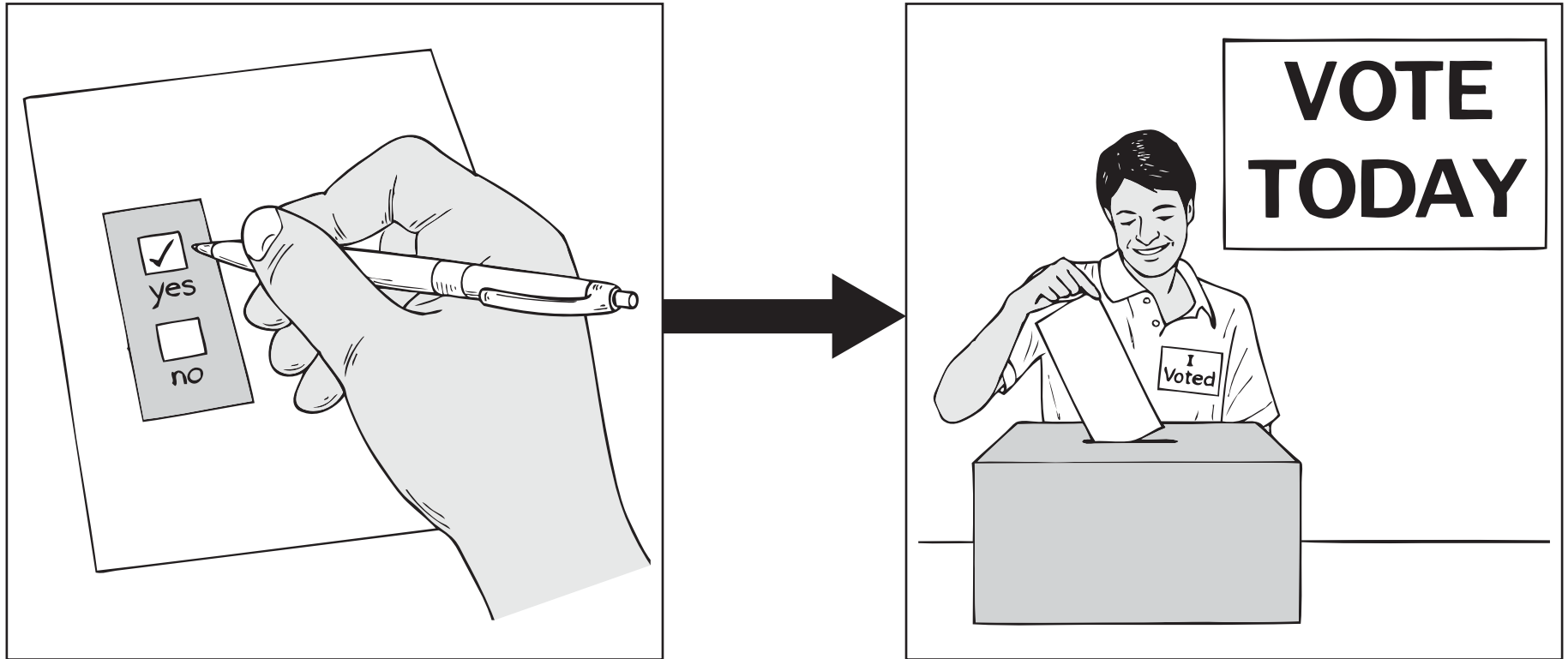
People can spend less money on transportation costs.

People can work farther away from home.



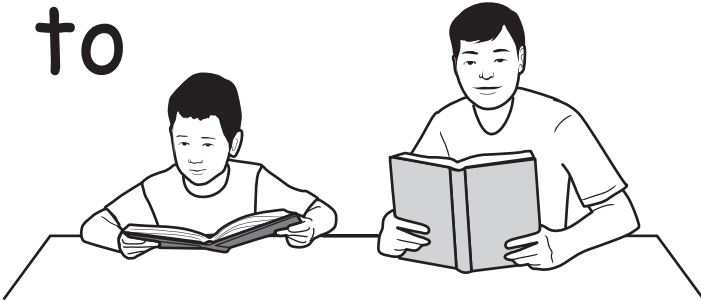
People can live in large cities with better air quality.

Ways to Earn Money	Number of Votes
Bake sale 	1
Talent show 	
Car wash 	







Community Service Project	Number of Votes
Clean the neighborhood park 	
Collect donated items for soldiers 	
Read books to elementary students 	



register to vote and find out about the candidates and issues

complete a ballot and watch election results on the news

pay for the right to vote and tell others who to vote for

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