

Congress Protects the Right to Vote: The Voting Rights Act of 1965

Worksheet 4: “Tweet” the Voting Rights Act of 1965

	Voting Rights Act excerpt	“Tweet”
1.	“AN ACT To enforce the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for other purposes. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act shall be known as the "Voting Rights Act of 1965."	
2..	SEC. 2. No voting qualification or prerequisite to voting, or standard, practice, or procedure shall be imposed or applied by any State or political subdivision to deny or abridge the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color.	
3.	SEC. 3. (a) Whenever the Attorney General institutes a proceeding under any statute to enforce the guarantees of the fifteenth amendment in any State or political subdivision the court shall authorize the appointment of Federal examiners by the United States Civil Service Commission in accordance with section 6 to serve for such period of time and for such political subdivisions as the court shall determine is appropriate to enforce the guarantees of the fifteenth amendment	
4.	(1) as part of any interlocutory order if the court determines that the appointment of such examiners is necessary to enforce such guarantees or	
5.	(2) as part of any final judgment if the court finds that violations of the fifteenth amendment justifying equitable relief have occurred in such State or subdivision:	
6.	Provided, That the court need not authorize the appointment of examiners if any incidents of denial or abridgement of the right to vote on account of race or color	
7.	(1) have been few in number and have been promptly and effectively corrected by State or local action	
8.	(2) the continuing effect of such incidents has been eliminated,	
9.	(3) there is no reasonable probability of their recurrence in the future.	
10.	b) If in a proceeding instituted by the Attorney General under any statute to enforce the guarantees of the fifteenth amendment in any State or political subdivision the court finds that a test or device has been used for the purpose or with the effect of denying or abridging the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color, it shall suspend the use of tests and devices in such State or political subdivisions as the court shall determine is appropriate and for such period as it deems necessary. “	