Teacher's Notes: Voting Law Problem

General Tips: The goal is to build background knowledge while leading an engaging discussion on any and all information that can be talked about on a given page. The items that you choose to bring up or focus on can be modified for the students you are working with. For example, if you have a student who can point to something in the picture, answer yes/no questions be sure to incorporate a lot more of that as you go through the book. On the same token, be sure to ask a lot of comprehension questions and critical thinking questions at the level appropriate for students working on those skills. There is something for everyone.

Addressing problem solving: Throughout the e-book, help students identify the problems that are involved and choice making opportunities throughout he article.

Page 1 Before Christopher Columbus and the Pilgrims came to America, the Native American Indians were already here. This is where they lived. **Point:** USA, Europe, Africa, Native Americans, horses **Questions:** Who lived in America first? Where did they live? **Connect**: What do you know about Native American Indians? Do you know anyone who is Native American?

Page 2: There are NAs living all over the U.S. Some NAs live in our state. We are going to talk today about NAs that live in North Dakota. They live on Turtle Mountain Reservation. I wonder if they have a mountain there? I wonder if it looks like a turtle or if there are turtles there. I see the NA in the picture is playing a flute. Here is NA flute music: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jO01kemz1kY **Point:** North Dakota, your state, NA man, flute **Questions:** What other instruments can you think of? Do you like the sound of the flute? **Connect:** What music do you like?

Page 3:The NA living on Turtle Mountain Reservation are living on an Indian Reservation. A reservation is land that belongs to the Indians. They are able to make some of their own rules and decide how they do things. **Point:** NA, land, sky, grass **Questions:** What is a reservation? Who lives on a reservation? What is the NA doing in the picture? What is the weather? **Connect:** Do you own any land? Do you have any Indian reservations in your state?

Page 4: The Indians who live on the reservation have their own way of doing things. One thing that they can do if they want is not have addresses. An address is how you mail something to someone. For example, we have a number on our house and a name of the road. That is how we tell someone which house is ours (lead a discussion about addresses) In the picture you see that they mailbox has a circle and a line. That means 'no'. They do not have an address, so they don't have a mailbox. They have a post office box. They can go to the post office to get their mail. One picture is of their neighborhood. The people on Turtle Mt. Reservation decided not to have an address. Some NAs on other reservations do have addresses. Some do and some do not. **Point**: house, mailbox, street, car, reservation **Questions:** Where do they not have addresses? Do NA on the Turtle Mountain Reservation have addresses? **Connection:** Do you have an address? What is it? What road do you live on?

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Page 5: Usually not having an address has not been a problem. It is ok that there are no addresses on the Turtle Mt. Res. But now there is a problem. There is a red circle and a line around the mailbox. That means they don't have it. There is a question mark, that means that they have a question now. **Point:** question mark, no mailbox sign. . **Questions:** What do you think the problem might be? **Connect:** Why do you think people have an address? How can you explain to someone where you live?

Page 6: See the picture of a judge's hammer? We think of judges and making decisions. They decided in North Dakota that you have to have an ID with an address to vote. The problem is that the NAs living on the reservation do not have an address. An ID is a card with your information on it. Like a Driver's license or ID card for the state. Voting is important. It is where you pick who you want to win elections and then they say who won. We vote for leaders for our city, state, and country. We vote for a lot of things. **Point**: voting box, ID card, judge's hammer **Questions:** What problem do the NAs in ND have? What do they need on their ID? Do they have an address? **Connect:** Do you know anyone with a Driver's license? Who? Is their address on it? What do you know about voting?

Page 7: Many NAs do not have an ID with an address. That means that they can't vote. That is a problem. They need their ID to say what their address is and they do not have an address. **Point:** ID, red X, voting box, circle with line. **Questions:** There is a red X on the ID, what does that mean? What does the red circle and line across voting mean? **Connect:** Have you ever had to tell people about something that happened a long time ago? (explain)

Page 8: The NAs who live on Turtle Mt. Res. Have a leader. The leader of Indian tribes used to be called a chief. Now a lot of times they call them Chairman. Jamie Azure is a NA man and he is a leader for the people in Turtle Mt. Res. He does not like this law about addresses. He thinks it was possibly made so that Indians won't be able to vote because they won't have their ID with an addressed. Jamie does not like this rule. He has a problem to solve and he is figuring out what to do. **Point:** Jamie Azure, necklace, **Questions**: Who is this man? What is the problem he is figuring out? What do you think about this? What do you think he can do? **Connect:** Have you had to figure out a problem? What problems have you had?

Page 9: Jamie is working hard to make sure that the NAs get a new ID with an address on it. He wants them to be able to vote in the election in November. **Point**: voting, ID card, photo ID, address **Questions** : Are they going to be able to vote? What is Jamie doing? What do the people need? **Connect:** Have you voted on anything? What?

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