Claim or Evidence?

Sort statements about voting rights.

OKH.P.4 "Develop a variety of evidence-based written products designed for multiple purposes. Summarize and paraphrase, integrate evidence, and cite sources to create written products, research projects..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

CLAIM

A claim is a position someone could reasonably debate. It may propose a change or judge what matters most.

Ancient Egypt's river trade mattered more than its desert barriers.

EVIDENCE

Evidence is a checkable fact that can support a claim. Name its source so readers can verify it.

The Rosetta Stone contains text in Greek (British Museum).

1 SORT

6 items

Circle CLAIM or EVIDENCE for each item; in Part 2, choose two items and explain each choice.

1.	States should expand early voting to improve access.	CLAIM EVIDENCE
2.	The 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920 (National Archives).	CLAIM EVIDENCE
3.	The 24th Amendment banned poll taxes in federal elections (National Archives).	CLAIM EVIDENCE
4.	The 19th Amendment was the nation's most significant voting reform.	CLAIM EVIDENCE
5.	Voting should be easier for first-time voters.	CLAIM EVIDENCE
6.	The 26th Amendment lowered the voting age to 18 (National Archives).	CLAIM EVIDENCE

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new claim and one new piece of cited evidence about voting in U.S. history.

CLAIM _____

EVIDENCE _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences: make a claim about voting rights, then support it with a different cited fact.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	States should expand early voting to improve access.	**CLAIM**	Proposes a debatable policy change.
2	The 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920 (National Archives).	**EVIDENCE**	Gives a verifiable, sourced fact.
3	The 24th Amendment banned poll taxes in federal elections (National Archives).	**EVIDENCE**	Gives a verifiable, sourced fact.
4	The 19th Amendment was the nation's most significant voting reform.	**CLAIM**	Makes a debatable judgment about significance.
5	Voting should be easier for first-time voters.	**CLAIM**	Proposes a debatable change.
6	The 26th Amendment lowered the voting age to 18 (National Archives).	**EVIDENCE**	Gives a verifiable, sourced fact.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CLAIM**: The Nineteenth Amendment was a major turning point for U.S. democracy.
- **EVIDENCE**: The 15th Amendment bars denying voting rights based on race (National Archives).

Challenge: Constitutional amendments have broadened voting rights in the United States. The 26th Amendment lowered the voting age to 18 (National Archives).

For Part 2, look for explanations that identify a debatable position or a checkable fact with a named source. The challenge response must include a relevant fact, not just a second opinion.