

4.7 Expanding Democracy

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Objective

Build the skills to explain **expanding suffrage** 选举权的扩大.

You must be able to:

- state the CED's account of the suffrage change
- state exactly who the new franchise covered
- state what accompanied the change
- explain why the precise wording matters

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ The change

The nation's transition to a more participatory democracy was achieved by expanding suffrage from a system based on property ownership to one based on voting by all adult white men, and it was accompanied by the growth of political parties.

■ Exactly whom

All adult white men. The CED states the boundary of the expansion in the same clause as the expansion. It is a real widening and an explicit exclusion.

■ What accompanied it

The growth of political parties. More voters required organisations able to reach them, so the party system grew with the electorate.

■ Why the wording

Writing "suffrage was expanded to all men" changes what the period did. The CED's phrasing is the accurate one and it costs nothing to reproduce.

2 Practice

2.1 State the CED's account of the suffrage change.

[2]

2.2 State exactly who the new franchise covered. [2]

2.3 The change was accompanied by something.

(a) State it and explain the connection. [2]

(b) State why the precise wording matters. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Suffrage moved from a system based on property ownership to one based on voting by [1]

- **A** all adult white men
 - **B** all adults
 - **C** all men
 - **D** property holders only
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3.2 The change was accompanied by the growth of [1]

- **A** political parties
 - **B** the judiciary
 - **C** the army
 - **D** the tariff
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3.3 A student writes that suffrage was expanded to all men.

(a) State the error. [1]

(b) Explain what the accurate statement is. [2]

4 Go further

- work through the **4.7 Expanding Democracy** lesson on the **Learn** page;
- read the **Period 4: 1800-1848** section of the AP US History handout on the **Know** page.

Solutions

2.1 from a system based on property ownership to one based on voting by all adult white men.

2.2 all adult white men; the CED states the boundary in the same clause as the expansion.

2.3 (a) the growth of political parties; more voters required organisations able to reach them. (b) it is the accurate description and costs nothing to reproduce.

3.1 A. all adult white men.

3.2 A. political parties.

3.3 (a) it drops the racial boundary the CED states. (b) the franchise moved from property ownership to all adult white men, which is both a real expansion and an explicit exclusion.