

Redrawing Democracy – Student Handouts

Vocabulary Guide

Instructions: Define each term in your own words and provide a real-world example.

Vocabulary Term	Your Definition	Real-World Example
Gerrymandering		
Redistricting		
Cracking		
Packing		
Representation		
Efficiency Gap		
Compactness Score		
Political Participation		

Supreme Court Case Analysis Sheet

Case Name: _____

Year: _____

What was this case about?

Explain the background or controversy in 1–2 sentences:

What constitutional issue did the Court consider?

What did the Court decide, and why?

How does this connect to gerrymandering or representation?

Quick Reflection: What surprised or interested you most about this case?

District Data Analysis Organizer

Use this form to gather and organize data about the district you are studying or redesigning.

Data Type	Where You Found It	Key Takeaways/Notes
Total Population		
Racial / Ethnic Breakdown		
Median Household Income		
Voter Turnout (last election)		
Party Registration Trends		
Compactness Score		
Efficiency Gap (if available)		
Other Notes / Observations		

Map Redesign Planning Worksheet

What problems do you see with the current map of your district/state?

What are your goals for your new map? (Pick all that apply.):

- Make districts more compact
- Increase fair representation
- Keep communities together
- Reduce partisan bias
- Other: _____

What tools will you use to redesign your map?

- Paper & Pencil
- Dave's Redistricting Tool
- ArcGIS Online
- Other: _____

Is there anything you're unsure about or need help with?