

# Newspaper Writing

## Voting in Athens



**Level 2**

The male citizens of Athens have begun voting on new laws or whether they should go to war.

Women, children, slaves and foreigners are not allowed to vote. Only native male Athenians are allowed to vote.

There are 40,000 men who can vote, but many of them don't have time to debate. There needs to be at least 6,000 men, or else there can't be a vote.

First, an important citizen suggests a new law or a reason to go to war. Then the 6,000 or more men debate. Then they vote by raising their hands or using ballots.

The general idea of the article is stated at the beginning and the facts are listed below. There could have been a little more information provided.