

Gerrymandering explained



1. Each of you (student A and student B) has a chart. Decide how you can use gerrymandering to win the election.

Student A: You're the red, so far you have 40% of the state, the blue 60%, but you want to win! How is it possible? You need to redraw the boundaries of the counties. You want five counties of ten blocks in this state to win. Remember, your blocks need to be connected to create one county.

B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R

Student B: You're the blue, so far you have 40% of the state, the red 60%, but you want to win! How is it possible? You need to redraw the boundaries of the counties. You want five counties of ten blocks in this state to win. Remember, your blocks need to be connected to create one county.

B		B		B		B		B		B		B		B		B		B		B	
B		B		B		B		B		B		B		B		B		B		B	
R		R		R		R		R		R		R		R		R		R		R	
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2. Explain to another classmate how you use gerrymandering to win.