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Complete after the Mock Election Activity

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Name: _____

Date: _____

Part A: Your Mock Election Experience

1. In Round 1 (old-style ballot), who did you vote for in each race? Did you recognize any candidates, or did you just pick from the county line row?

2. In Round 2 (new-style ballot), did you vote for different candidates? What changed about how you made your decision?

3. Were the overall class results different between Round 1 and Round 2? If so, how?

Part B: The Bigger Picture

4. County party chairs in NJ were 76% male and 86% white. Why might this matter for who gets chosen to run for office?

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5. Since the county line ended, the number of contested Assembly seats more than doubled (from 11.3% to 27.5%). Why is it important that voters have choices in elections?

6. If you could design the ideal ballot, what would it look like? Draw a quick sketch or describe it below.

Part C: Your Voice

7. In New Jersey, 17-year-olds can pre-register to vote. What is one issue you would want to vote on? Why does it matter to you?
