

Appendix H

Requirements for being President

The Framers of the Constitution decided on only three eligibility requirements for the presidency in Article II of the *Constitution*:

- (1) The individual must be 35 years of age
- (2) The individual must be a natural born citizen of the U.S.
- (3) The individual must be a 14-year resident of the U.S.

In small groups, think about why the Framers chose these requirements and debate the relevance of them today.

Discuss each one of them individually and decided whether one or all of them should be amended. As a class, hold a mock constitutional convention and see if the class votes with a supermajority to amend the constitutional requirements for being the president.