Social Studies 10-2

Unit 4: Citizenship in a globalizing world

Democratization and human rights

Media and contracts

- Cameras and boycott campaigns carry a demand for equal political rights across borders.
- In another decade and country, foreign investment and market reforms continue while competitive elections are suspended.
- Both scenes show globalization meeting government. In one, more people get a say. In the other, deals continue while that say stays small.

Free and unfree elections

- Democratization is a move toward a government people can hold to account, with more people taking part in public decisions.
- Global media and organizations can support human rights claims that local people are already making.
- Trade and investment can keep going in years when few people get a real say in government.

Key terms

democratization

Democratization is a movement toward accountable government and wider political participation, including real elections and public voice.

political voice

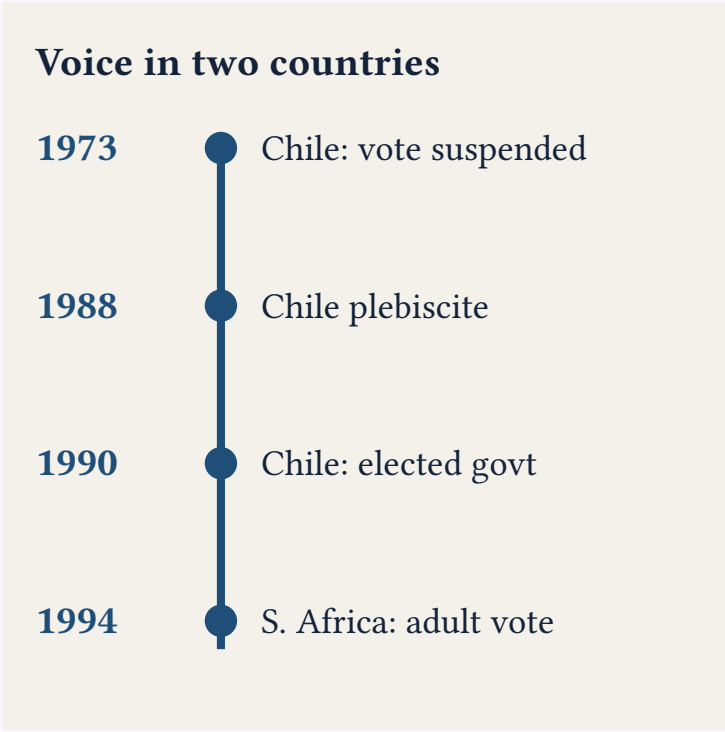
Political voice is a real chance to learn about a public decision, speak, organize, and have that speech count in the result.

human-rights claim

A human-rights claim is a public demand that dignity, equality, or participation be respected, often aimed at a government or a powerful organization.

South Africa’s louder claim, Chile’s suspended vote

- Democratization here means accountable government, public information, room to organize, and a vote that counts.
- In South Africa before 1994, local movements plus foreign news, boycotts, and United Nations attention carried a human rights claim farther.
- In Chile, investment and market reforms continued in years when competitive elections were suspended.



South Africa

- The record includes international news coverage, a consumer and cultural boycott, United Nations debate, and the 1994 election.
- South African unions, civic groups, and the African National Congress pressed the human rights claim.
- Foreign cameras and organizations carried that claim farther. The 1994 vote extended the suffrage to all adult citizens.

Chile

- From the mid 1970s into the 1980s, Chile's military government pursued market reforms and foreign investment.
- Competitive elections stayed suspended and public opposition was tightly restricted in those years.
- The 1988 plebiscite rejected an extension of military rule, and an elected civilian government took office in 1990.

Review

- A concession text is published, opponents speak in a hearing, and a legislature records a vote.
- From memory, say what this scene shows about a real chance to learn the deal, speak, and have the speech count.
- Contrast it with a concession signed by a small executive group while the hearing calendar stays empty.

Pair the deal with the voice

- Democratization is a move toward a government people can hold to account, with more people taking part.
- South Africa's path shows local human rights claims amplified by global media and organizations, then a 1994 vote.
- Chile's path in the 1970s and 1980s shows investment proceeding while competitive elections were suspended.