

Warm-Up Activity:

Explain how **democracy** works in your own words:

Explain which symbol(s) represent democracy and why.



Directions: Circle the correct answer.

1. Who was Pericles?
 - a. A king from Ancient Greece.
 - b. An elected official in the government of Athens, Greece.
 - c. A self-appointed ruler of Athens, Greece.
 - d. The best ruler of all the Greek city-states.

2. Why was Athens, Greece the leader in education, art, philosophy, and sports?
 - a. Their powerful king led them to be the best in all things.
 - b. No other countries were as technologically advanced as the Greeks.
 - c. Democracy gave Greeks the freedom needed to become the best in all things.
 - d. They were the wealthiest city-state, so they could afford to be the best.



3. What does democracy require in order to be effective?
 - a. Educated, knowledgeable citizens who don't vote solely based on their feelings.
 - b. Male voters only because they know best.
 - c. Citizens who lack knowledge but are still willing to participate by voting.
 - d. A majority of citizens don't vote, only a few powerful citizens do.

4. Citizens can exercise their civic duty through all of the following ways EXCEPT:
 - a. Voting in state and local elections.
 - b. Researching and learning about laws and issues they're voting on.
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 - d. Choosing not to vote because they feel it doesn't matter in the long-run.

Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

5. In what ways was Athens, Greece, a powerful and successful democracy?

6. What did Socrates believe about democracy?

Fill in the Blank:

7. The responsibility to actively participate in one's community and government is called _____.

8. A _____ is an independent city with its own government.

9. A government official called a _____ has to be elected to office.

10. The system of government called _____ is run by the citizens who vote on decisions or for elected officials.

Making Connections: Participating in Democracy

The Issue: Your school wants to boost academic achievement and good grades among students. They would like students to vote on a new reward system: For every "A" on a test, students get free ice cream in the cafeteria, and any student with a 4.0 GPA can participate in extra recess time with friends of their choice.

Your Task: Using your knowledge of your school community and fellow peers, you will cast a vote in your class' ballot box to either pass or fail this new reward system. As an educated voter, be sure to take into account all the facts surrounding this new reward system and how it will affect all members of the student body.

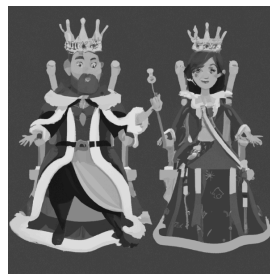
Reflection: How did you decide on your vote? What factors did you take into consideration when you decided to pass or fail this issue?

Pericles | Answer Key

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The image of the ballot box and the scale represent democracy because voting is a big part of how democratic governments work. People cast their votes, and the majority rules in a democracy.

Multiple Choice

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Sample answer: Athens, Greece, had a powerful Navy that defeated the Persians, allowing the Greeks to remain free. They also created beautiful art. For example, they created beautiful urns and architecture. They led the way in sports as the Olympic games originated in Greece.
6. What did Socrates believe about democracy?
Sample answer: Socrates believed that democracy would only work well if the people were educated and knowledgeable. He believed people needed to vote with their heads and less based on their feelings.

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Answers will vary.