



## DEMOCRACY: WHO? WHAT? WHERE?

(35 minutes: 5 minutes on one day, 30 minutes on a later day)

### OBJECTIVE

Students investigate questions about their government and other governments around the world.

### MATERIALS

*Democracy: Who? What? Where?* handout

### GET READY

- ✓ Duplicate the page of questions and cut them into fortune cookie-sized strips.
- ✓ Pair students.
- ✓ Duplicate a copy of your class roster to record which questions go to which pairs.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Place the slips face down. Let each pair select a question.
- ✓ Once every pair has a question, tell the students to read over their question several times.
- ✓ Say, *As partners, examine your question. Brainstorm: What do you expect the answers to be? What are some ways to figure out the answer? Record any first guesses as well as ways to find the answer.*
- ✓ Give students several days to determine their answers. To aid them in this process, provide students with some clues (for example, some answers may be found in the school library). You may want to provide additional printed resources (books, magazines, etc.) and/or access to the Internet to further aid your students.
- ✓ Have the pairs present their answers as oral reports of no more than one minute each.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ *Which answers to the questions were not what you expected originally? Explain.*
- ★ *Did anyone already know the right answer to their question? How did you know that?*
- ★ *Did anyone find out any other interesting information they wish to share?*

### MORE!

Students could write thank you letters to the contacts that helped them find their answers: people at City Hall, the school librarian, etc.



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2. Name five democracies besides our own.  
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3. Name the leader of another democracy? What is his or her title?  
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4. How many countries in the world are democracies?  
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5. What is the largest democracy on earth?  
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6. What are the names of our senators?  
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7. What are the names of our representatives?  
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8. What are the three branches of the American government?  
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9. What cities have been our nation's capital?  
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10. Name the guarantees protected by the Bill of Rights?  
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11. Who first settled the community we live in?  
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12. How many employees work directly for our local government?  
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13. What did our mayor do before becoming mayor?  
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14. Where are our city offices located?  
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15. Where and how do you register to vote in our town?  
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