

Critical Thinking Skills

World Electoral Processes

Skills For Critical Thinking		Systems and Reform							Writing Tasks
		History of the Voting System	Legitimacy of Democratic Government	Presidential System	Parliamentary System	Dictatorship Government	Suffrage	Systems and Reform	
LEVEL 1 Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List Details/Facts Recall Information Match Vocabulary to Definitions Recognize Validity (T/F) 	✓ ✓ ✓	✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓
LEVEL 2 Comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize Describe Interpret Compare/Contrast 	✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓
LEVEL 3 Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Outside Research Tools Application to Own Life Organize Facts Apply Vocabulary Words in Sentences 	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓
LEVEL 4 Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draw Conclusions Identify Cause and Effect Make Inferences 					✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	
LEVEL 5 Synthesis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prediction Imagine Self Interacting with Subject Create a Plan Imagine Alternatives 	✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓		✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓	✓ ✓
LEVEL 6 Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State and Defend an Opinion Evaluate 	✓ ✓		✓	✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓	✓ ✓

Based on Bloom's Taxonomy



The Legitimacy of Democratic Government

A democracy should also protect the human rights of all its citizens. This means that people can speak freely and express their opinions without fear of persecution. Democracies allow people to read and study whatever they want. They can also vote for whoever they want during elections.

If someone is arrested in a democracy, they will receive a fair trial. They will have an opportunity to present their case to the court and will receive a fair judgment. They will not be put in prison unfairly and without good reason.

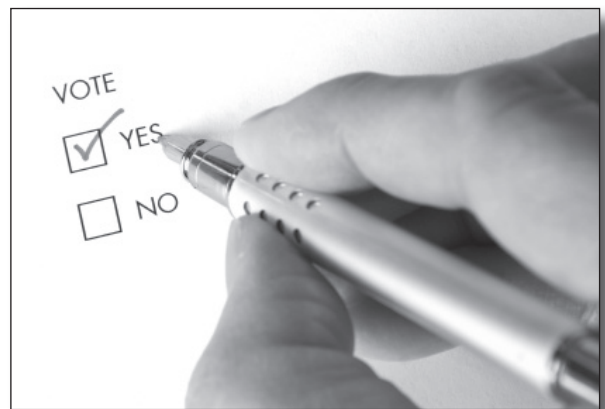
Many countries in the world, including the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and India are democracies. They allow their citizens to elect their representatives, protect their freedoms, and protect their basic human rights.

Many other countries also claim to be democracies. However, they are not true democracies. One reason may be because they either do not allow all of their citizens to vote. Bhutan and Saudi Arabia do not allow all citizens to vote.

Another reason may be because they violate some of the idea of a true democracy. Some countries say they are democracies, but they do not allow people full freedom.

For example, they may not allow people to express their opinions without having to suffer a penalty. They also may not allow people to read certain books or study certain subjects.

For these reasons, international groups are working to help the people in these countries get basic human rights through democracy.



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1. Below is a list of six ideas. **Circle** the four ideas that are democratic ideas.

Protects human rights

Allows only land owners to vote

Does not allow people to study other governments

All citizens can vote

Protects the freedoms of its citizens

People are allowed to express their opinions freely

2. The ancient Greeks were the first to have a democratic government. Explain how the democracy of ancient Greece is different from true democracies now. Your answer should be one to two complete sentences.

3. Explain why democracy failed in ancient Greece. Your answer should be one to two sentences.

4. Compare the Iroquois democracy to other democracies at that time. Tell how they are alike and different. Your answer should be three to four sentences.



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5. Democracy spread quickly in the 20th century. Predict how democracy will change in the 21st century. Your answer should be three to four complete sentences.

6. Do you believe a democracy represents the people? State your opinion in three to four complete sentences.

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