

# WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?

Use pages 10 and 11 of the Student Text to complete the worksheet.

## MATCHING \_\_\_\_\_

Match each word to its definition, and write the letter in the blank.

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| _____ 1. elected        | <b>A.</b> an elected person who speaks for a group of people |
| _____ 2. minority       | <b>B.</b> chosen by getting the most votes                   |
| _____ 3. majority       | <b>C.</b> a government that is run by the people             |
| _____ 4. democracy      | <b>D.</b> the largest number of voters                       |
| _____ 5. representative | <b>E.</b> the smallest number of voters                      |

## FILL IN THE BLANK \_\_\_\_\_

Use the words in the word bank to complete the sentences.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>compromise</b>      <b>Congress</b> <b>equal</b>      <b>laws</b>      <b>minority</b></p>
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6. Thomas Jefferson wrote that “all men are created \_\_\_\_\_.”
7. When each side gives up something in order to agree, they \_\_\_\_\_.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is the part of the national government that makes the laws.
9. In a democracy, everyone must follow the same \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ must always have the right to argue against the majority.

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## MULTIPLE CHOICE \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the best answer, and write the letter in the blank.

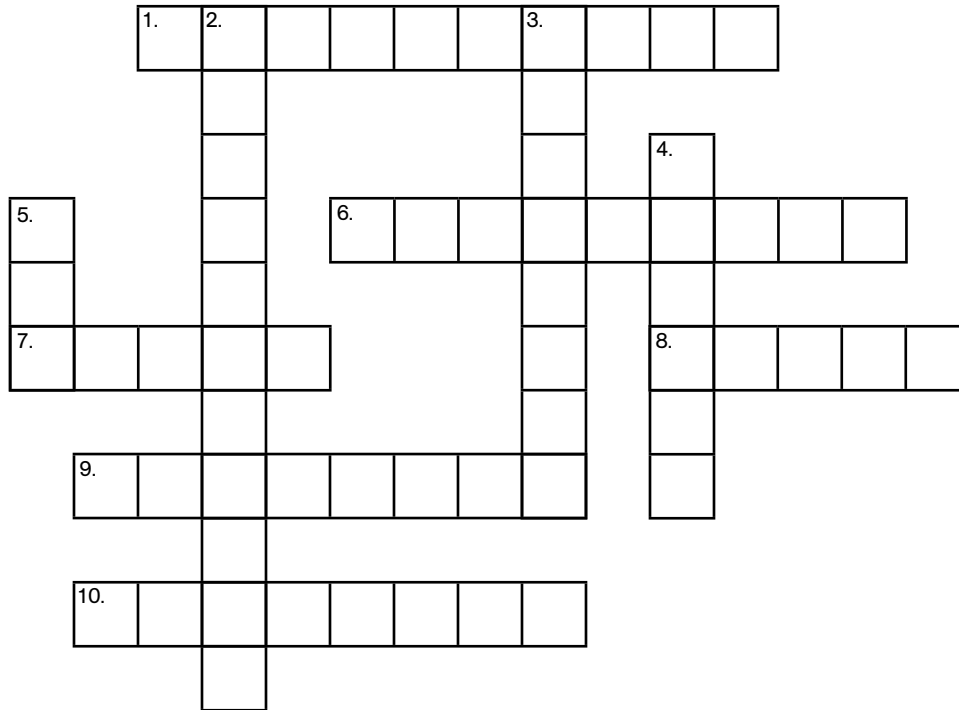
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. The most important thing about democracy is that \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. people have equality of opportunity
  - B. people have equality under the law
  - C. the government is run by the people
  - D. all of the above
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. In a democracy, if a \_\_\_\_\_ of the people want things to be a certain way, then that is the way it will be.
- A. majority
  - B. minority
  - C. few
  - D. all of the above
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The way to get a majority of people to agree is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. compromise
  - B. argue
  - C. disagree
  - D. break the law
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Elected officials include \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. members of Congress
  - B. the President and Vice President
  - C. state and local officials
  - D. all of the above
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Everyone should have a chance to make something of himself or herself. This is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. equality under the law
  - B. equality of opportunity
  - C. majority rule
  - D. compromise

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Use the clues to complete the crossword puzzle.



### ACROSS

1. In a democracy, the people run the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The government of the United States is a/an \_\_\_\_\_.
7. In a democracy, every person has dignity and \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The way to get a majority of people to \_\_\_\_\_ is compromise.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the smaller group, which does not agree with the majority.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ choose representatives to speak for them in the government.

### DOWN

2. Thomas Jefferson believed that everyone should have a/an \_\_\_\_\_ to make something of himself or herself.
3. In a democracy, the \_\_\_\_\_ rules.
4. Every person who \_\_\_\_\_ the law must be treated the same way.
5. Equality under the \_\_\_\_\_ means that everyone must follow the same laws.

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## EXTENSION QUESTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one or more of the following questions to answer. Write each answer in complete sentences.

1. What are the names of the U.S. senators and representative(s) from your state? Look on the Internet or at the library to find out.

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2. What are the names of two other countries with governments that are democracies? Look on the Internet or at the library to find out.

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3. Have you ever had to compromise to solve a problem? Explain what happened. How did you compromise?

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