

The Rise of Democracy

How did democracy develop in ancient Greece?

PREVIEW

Suppose that you are on a sports team that is one play away from winning a game. Which of these options do you think is the best way to choose the final play of the game?

- A. Have the coach or the assistant coach choose the final play.
- B. Have the three most talented players choose the final play.
- C. Have the most popular player choose the final play.
- D. Have all the team members choose the final play.

In the space below, write your choice and explain the reasons for your choice.

READING NOTES

Social Studies Vocabulary

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers.

monarchy
aristocrat

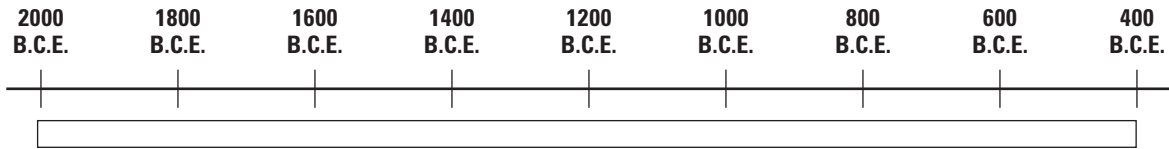
oligarchy
tyranny

democracy
citizen

assembly

Section 1

1. Shade in the bar below the timeline to show approximately when most Greek city-states had monarchies. Label this period on the timeline, using a simple visual that represents a monarchy.



2. Under a monarchy, the power to make political decisions is in the hands of _____, usually called a _____.

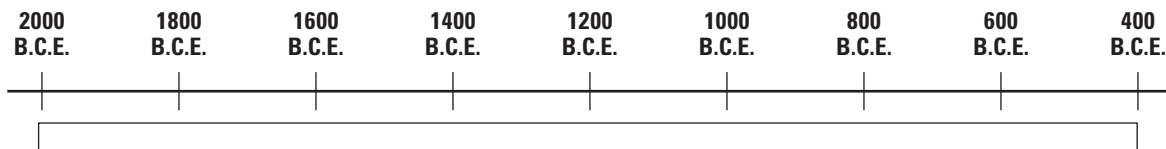
3. I ruled by ...

4. I lost power because ...



Section 2

1. Shade in the bar below the timeline to show approximately when most Greek city-states had oligarchies. Label this period on the timeline, using a simple visual that represents an oligarchy.



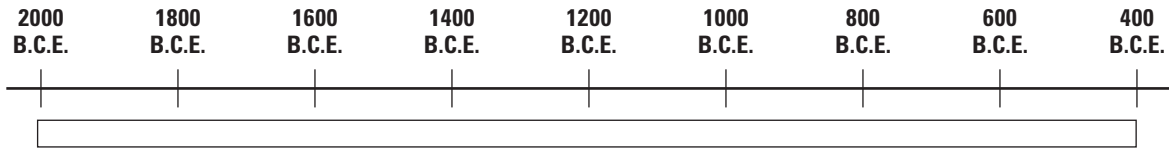
2. Under an oligarchy, the power to make political decisions is in the hands of _____, called _____.

3. We ruled by . . .

4. We lost power because . . .

Section 3

1. Shade in the bar below the timeline to show approximately when most Greek city-states had tyrannies. Label this period on the timeline, using a simple visual that represents a tyranny.



2. Under a tyranny, the power to make political decisions is in the hands of _____, called a _____.

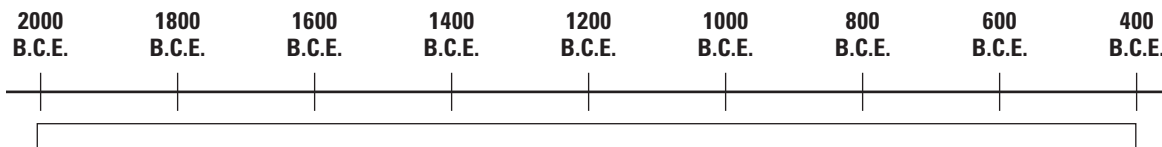
3. I ruled by ...

4. I lost power because ...



Section 4

1. Shade in the bar below the timeline to show approximately when Athens had a democracy. Label this period on the timeline, using a simple visual that represents a democracy.



2. Under a democracy, the power to make political decisions is in the hands of _____, called _____.

3. We ruled by ...

4. Not all Greeks thought democracy was a good idea because ...

PROCESSING

Complete the following report card to evaluate the four forms of government practiced in ancient Greece. For each form of government, write a grade for each of the topics listed at the top of the report card. Then answer the question at the bottom of the report card.

Key for Grades
A: Excellent
B: Very Good
C: Average
D: Poor
F: Fail

Report Card for Ancient Greek Governments

	Making Efficient Decisions	Giving Equality to All People	Meeting the Needs of the People
Monarchy			
Oligarchy			
Tyranny			
Democracy			

Which of the four forms of government do you think deserves the highest overall grade and why?