

Chapter 1

Section 3: Basic Concepts of Democracy

Guiding Question: What are the basic concepts of democracy?

GET STARTED

Lesson Goals:

- ☐ Students will identify the foundations of democracy.
- ☐ Students will discuss the responsibilities and duties of citizenship.
- ☐ Students will explain the workings of the free enterprise system.

Bellringer Distribute the Bellringer Worksheet (Unit 1 All-in-One, p. 30), which is a passage about the role of the Internet in democracy. Have students read the selection and answer the questions.

Vocabulary On the board, write a fill-in-the-blank sentence for each vocabulary term in the section. Have students use context to help them choose the correct word to complete each sentence. When students are finished, review the sentences as a class.

TEACH

Tell students that in this section, they will learn about democracy's basic concepts. After students read the section, discuss the Bellringer. How do students think the Internet might affect democracy in the future?

Ask:

- In a democracy, what must one person's freedom never do? (*take away the freedom of others*)
- What is the driving force of the free enterprise system? (*competition*)

ELL/ESL Strategy

Learning Objective: *To help students understand and discuss the basic ideals of democracy*

Form small teams of students, including both English language learners and English-speaking members on each team. Assign one of the five foundations of democracy to each team. Ask students to read their assigned ideal aloud, explain it to one another, and create a short skit to demonstrate the ideal to the class.

ASSESS AND REMEDIATE

- Assign the Section Assessment questions; grade student responses.

Chapter Resources

Essential Questions Journal

Chapter 1 Outline (All-in-One, pp. 8–9)

Chapter Test B (All-in-One, pp. 41–44)

Other Resources

Reading Comprehension Worksheet
(All-in-One, p. 28)

Skill Activity (p. 34)

Extend Activity (All-in-One, p. 35)

Section Quiz B (All-in-One, p. 37)

Audio support is available for this section.

Additional features for Differentiated Instruction can be found throughout the Teacher's Edition.