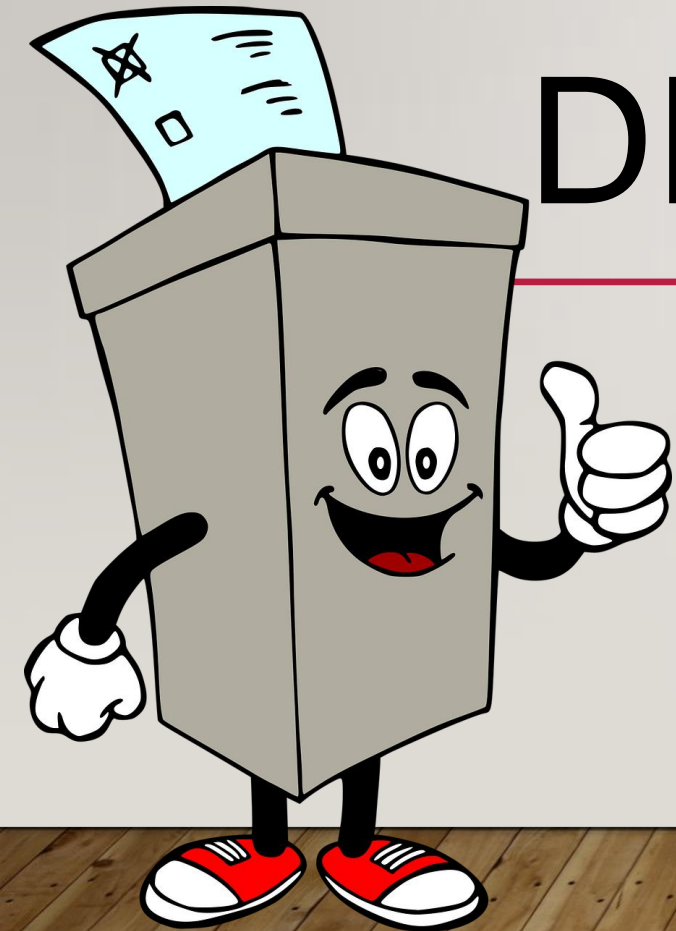


# DEMOCRACY

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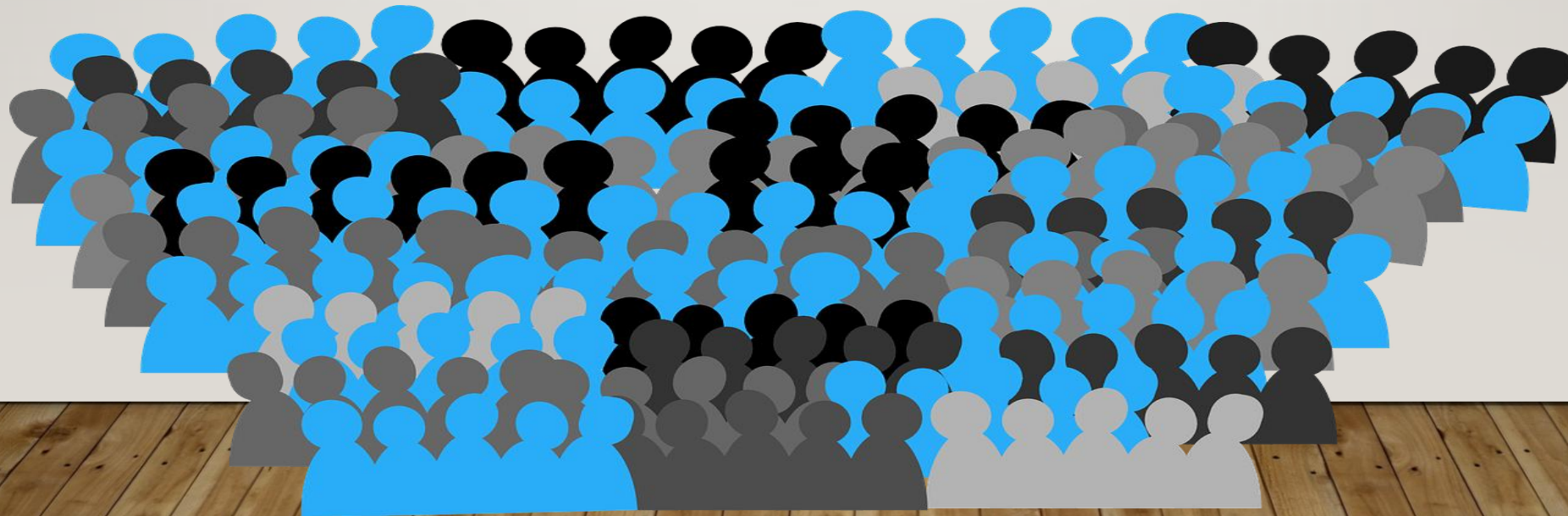
# TOP QUESTIONS

## WHAT IS DEMOCRACY? WORK)

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Democracy is a system of government in which laws, policies, leadership, and major undertakings of a state or other polity are directly or indirectly decided by the “people,” a group historically constituted by only a minority of the population (e.g., all free adult males in ancient [Athens](#) or all sufficiently propertied adult males in 19th-century Britain) but generally understood since the mid-20th century to include all (or nearly all) adult citizens.



# MODERN DEMOCRACY

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- Democracy as we know it today has taken shape over the centuries.
- Modern democracy was born in the 18th century and is the result of the actions of philosophers such as Montesquieu, J.J. Rousseau, John Locke
- They laid the foundations for the first modern law: civil rights, constitutions





# BRAINSTORMING

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- US President Abraham Lincoln once spoke of a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." What does that phrase mean?

*It means the government is made up of representatives selected by citizens and must work to address the people's wishes*

*It means the government in a democratic system is elected by voters and subsequently the government must work towards solving the needs and problems of its citizens.*



# WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPALS OF DEMOCRACY? (TEAM WORK)

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- 1. Constitutions
- 2. Citizen involvement in decision making
- 2. A system of representation. (indirect democracy - we elect representatives who exercise power on our behalf)
- 3. The rule of law
- 4. Democratic voting system => change of government
- 5. Respect of Human rights, guarantees freedoms
- 6. Role of opposition party
- 7. Importance of public opinion

# WHY WE PREFER DEMOCRACY?

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- To lead the country do development
- Element of decentralisation
- To rise the political institutions
- Right to commerce
- Spread of education
- Free media
- Independet judiciary