

Chapter 1 Introduction The Democratic Debate

Subjective Short Answer

1. What is an elite democracy?

ANSWER: Students' answers may vary. Sample answer: Elite democracy is a political system in which the privileged classes acquire the power to decide by a competition for the people's votes and have substantial freedom between elections to rule as they see fit.

2. What is a direct democracy?

ANSWER: Students' answers may vary. Sample answer: Direct democracy is the face-to-face meeting of all citizens in one place to vote on all important issues.

3. What is a popular democracy?

ANSWER: Students' answers may vary. Sample answer: Popular democracy is a political system in which the citizens are involved as much as possible in making the decisions that affect their lives.

4. Who were the Federalists?

ANSWER: Students' answers may vary. Sample answer: The Federalists were supporters of the Constitution during the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and the ratification debates of 1787–1788.

5. Who were the Anti-federalists?

ANSWER: Students' answers may vary. Sample answer: The Anti-federalists were those who opposed the Constitution during the ratification debates of 1787–1788.

Essay

6. Define democracy as it was understood by the small city-states of Greece. American democracy tends to be made up of two competing understandings of what democracy is. Explain each type of democracy.

ANSWER: Students' answers may vary.

7. Two sets of actors were present politically at the founding of this country. Name them and explain what their fundamental differences were.

ANSWER: Students' answers may vary.

8. Explain the "Spirit of '76." What major founding documents embody this spirit? Explain how, over time, more and more amendments were added to the constitution that allowed this spirit to flourish.

ANSWER: Students' answers may vary.

Multiple Choice

9. The word democracy comes from the Greek words ____ and ____.

- a. kyrie, eleison
- b. demos, kratein
- c. kyrie, kratein
- d. demos, eleison

ANSWER: b

10. ____ are small groups of people who possess extraordinary amounts of power.

- a. Elites
- b. Democrats
- c. Republicans
- d. None of the above

ANSWER: a

Which of the following is a political system in which elites acquire the power to decide by a free and fair competition for the people's votes?

11. Which of the following is a political system in which elites acquire the power to decide by a free a...

- a. Direct democracy
- b. Popular democracy
- c. Elite democracy
- d. All of the above

ANSWER: c

12. The supporters of the Constitution in the late 1780s were known as ____.

- a. Whigs
- b. Tories
- c. Anti-federalists
- d. Federalists

ANSWER: d

13. Which of the following documents represent popular democracy?

- a. Declaration of Independence
- b. Bill of Rights
- c. Twenty-sixth Amendment
- d. All of the above

ANSWER: d

14. Elite democrats do not derive their power from ____.

- a. birth

- b. knowledge
- c. expertise
- d. experience

ANSWER: a

15. The authors of this textbook believe that the ____ interpretation of democracy is correct.

- a. elite
- b. popular
- c. direct
- d. epistemological

ANSWER: b