

**Part 1.** Use whatever resources are available to you (your brains, your gadgets, each other) to define the terms and generate a list of the characteristics of democracies and empires.

Democracies	Empires
Define: <i>democracy</i>	Define: <i>empire</i>
Make a list of <b>characteristics of democratic nations.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>What happens in a democracy?</i></li></ul>	Make a list of <b>characteristics of imperialist nations.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>What happens in an empire?</i></li></ul>

**1. What values, assumptions, and beliefs about human life drive each system?**

**2. Do you believe the United States or America is a democracy or an empire? Use the characteristics you identified in Part 1 to explain your answer.**