

Question you have to answer: Is the government we have now in the United States, a representative democracy, better than the direct democracy of Ancient Athens, or was the Athenian democracy better?

Sentence Starters to use in starting your response:

It is clear to me that a _____ democracy is better. I think this because...

Although I see how a _____ government could be good, I think that a _____ government is more _____ (productive/equal/efficient/fair etc.) because.....

I believe that between a representative democracy (like in the US) and a direct democracy (like in ancient Athens) a _____ democracy is much better. I think this because.....

Both a direct democracy and a representative democracy have pros and cons. However, I think a _____ democracy is better because.....

In your response, consider the following:

Who do you think should be able to make decisions?

Who should be able to create laws?

How much time should be spent on making decisions and creating laws?

How many people should be involved in government?

How many people would this government have to control or protect?

In which type of democracy does an average person get more say?

Is this a good thing?

Think about the answers to these questions in your own opinion, and then think of which type of democracy matches better with your answers - direct democracy, like in ancient Athens, or representative democracy, like in the United States?