Democratic ideals

Student Handout 1

• What does it say? Read the definition and underline important phrases.

• What does it mean? Put the definition into your own words.

• Why does it matter? Explain why the principle is important in a democratic society.

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| DemocraticIdeals | What does it say? | What does it mean? | Why does it matter? |
| the ruleof law | Government shall becarried out accordingto established laws,Both those whogovern and thosewho are governed willbe bound by theselaws. |  |  |
| limitedgovernment | Government shouldperform only thefunctions that peoplehave given it thepower to perform.Power is sharedbetween thegoverned and thosewho govern. |  |  |
| due processof law | Government must actfairly and in accord1with established rulesin all that it does andmay not actarbitrarily2. |  |  |
| individualliberty | Specific rights thatbelong to eachperson, such as life,liberty, and property,and cannot be takenaway without dueprocess of law. |  |  |
| consent ofthe governed | Government is basedon the will of thepeople who granttheir approval throughelections and otherforms of civicparticipation. |  |  |

Prompt: According to your understanding of the democratic ideals from Student Handout 1,

which three key democratic ideals are most important? Explain why you chose each.

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There are five key democratic ideals, but (the 3 democratic ideals) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are the most significant in establishing democratic

traditions. (Democratic ideal1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is important

because (explanation) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is significant (explanation) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Lastly, (democratic ideal 3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is essential to

democracy (explanation) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In conclusion, these three democratic ideals are the most important because

(explanation #1)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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(explanation #3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.