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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| Democratic  Ideals | What does it say? | What does it mean? | Why does it matter? |
| the rule  of law | Government shall be  carried out according  to established laws,  Both those who  govern and those  who are governed will  be bound by these  laws. |  |  |
| limited  government | Government should  perform only the  functions that people  have given it the  power to perform.  Power is shared  between the  governed and those  who govern. |  |  |
| due process  of law | Government must act  fairly and in accord1  with established rules  in all that it does and  may not act  arbitrarily2. |  |  |
| individual  liberty | Specific rights that  belong to each  person, such as life,  liberty, and property,  and cannot be taken  away without due  process of law. |  |  |
| consent of  the governed | Government is based  on the will of the  people who grant  their approval through  elections and other  forms of civic  participation. |  |  |

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) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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