

## Characteristics of a Democracy

The history of democracy is the result of people trying to limit the abuse of power, or tyranny, of their governments. How is this achieved?

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#### Specific Example

#### How does this protect you from an abusive government?

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## Early Contributions to Democratic Ideas

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Greece & Rome

Judeo-Christian

England

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