**Democracy Worksheet Democracy - A short introduction:** [**https://youtu.be/u6jgWxkbR7A**](https://youtu.be/u6jgWxkbR7A)

**Before the movie:**

1. **What comes to your mind when you hear the word democracy?
 Fill in the mind map alone or with your deskmate. Add more lines if necessary.  - **

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**Democracy**

1. **Translate these words and phrases into your own language. Ask your friends or use a dictionary to help you.**

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concerns – obawy

a birthplace – miejsce urodzenia

rulers – władcy, włodarze, rządzący

slaves – niewolnicy

flawed – zaburzone, ze skazą

to fade away – zanikać

to prevent – zapobiegać

to vote – głosować

a lawmaker – ustawodawca, prawodawca

legislative – ustawodawcza

executive *–* wykonawcza

judiciary – sądownictwo

to exceed one’s authority –wykraczać poza swoją władzę / kompetencje

to expel – wydalić

*If you need English definitions you can look them up in OALD* 😊 [www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com](http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com) 

**Don’t forget to mark the words you didn’t know before with a star**

**During the movie: **

1. **Where did the first democracy start? Mark the appropriate region on the provided world map.**

 (map adapted from <https://d-maps.com>)

1. **Were all people equal in the first democracy?**

*Yes, they were. / No, they weren’t.*

**Why?**

Slaves and women didn’t have the same rights as the rest of the society.

**How is this system called today?**

A flawed democracy.

1. **What was Magna Carta?**

A set of laws preventing the king of England to do whatever he wanted.
*Surprisingly enough, the video mentions a constitution, where in fact in the UK there is no such document in the written form and there wasn’t anything resembling one at the time of Magna Carta.*

**When did it happen? Mark the appropriate date on the timeline.**

1215 AD

1500 AD

1 AD

1. **What is an indirect democracy?**

A democracy in which people don’t make laws directly, but choose their representatives to do so.

**Is this the current trend in most of the modern democracies?**

*Yes, it is. / No, it isn’t.*

1. **Modern democracies are divided into 3 branches. Create a mind map in which you explain them.**

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przykładowa mapka myśli:

the judiciary

the people who judge you if you commit a crime

the legislative

the people who make the law

the executive

the people who make sure you obey the law

1. **Explain the concept of general will – an idea developed by Jean-Jacques Rousseau.**

A democratic government must work in a way that reflects the wish, feelings, desires and values of the society.

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**After the movie:**

1. **Discuss in pairs:**

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**A** *Do you agree with the following statement? Why?*

“Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others.”
 Winston S. Churchill
**B** *Do you feel that you are living in a democratic country? Why / Why not?*

**C** *What changes could be introduced to improve the state of modern democracies?*