

Worksheet

Instructions:

Answer the questions below before playing the American Democracy Game, and then again after playing the game. Compare your answers and complete the worksheet.

Before playing the game, answer these questions...

1. What does “representative democracy” or “republic” mean? How does it impact you?

2. Is it possible for a citizen to make a difference in government? If so, how?

3. Do you think legislators care about what citizens (including students) think? If so, why?

4. Is it more important to stand firm with your ideas or to be flexible? Explain.

5. What is a “special interest group”? What are your impressions of them?

6. Should representatives always do what constituents want them to do? Explain.

After playing the game, answer the same questions again...

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2. Is it possible for a citizen to make a difference in government? If so, how?

3. Do you think legislators care about what citizens (including students) think? If so, why?

4. Is it more important to stand firm with your ideas or to be flexible? Explain.

5. What is a “special interest group”? What are your impressions of them?

6. Should representatives always do what constituents want them to do? Explain.

Compare your two sets of answers from above.

How do they differ?

What did you learn from being a representative?
