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| **Class Notes / PowerPoint Presentation / Textbook Notes**  **American Government**  Name:  Hour:  Date:  **Chapter 1: Principles of Government / Section 3: Basic Concepts of Democracy** | |
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| **FOCUS QUESTION** | ***WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISITICS OF A DEMOCRACY?*** |
| **Objectives** | * Understand the foundations of democracy. * Analyze the connections between democracy and the free enterprise system. |
| **Key Terms** |  |
| **majority rule** | the principle that the will of the majority controls the actions of government |
| **compromise** | the process of blending and adjusting competing views and interests |
| **citizen** | one who holds certain rights and responsibilities within a state |
| **free enterprise system** | an economic system characterized by the private ownership of capital goods, private investment, and a competitive marketplace that determines success or failure |
| **Introduction** | **What are the basic concepts of democracy?** |
| **Worth of the Individual** |  |
| **Equality of All Persons** |  |
| ***CHECKPOINT!*** | **To what are citizens entitled under the democratic concept of equality?** |
| **Majority Rule,**  **Minority Rights** |  |
| **Necessity of Compromise** |  |
| **Individual Freedom** |  |
| ***CHECKPOINT!*** | * **GRAPHIC ORGANIZER – 5 CONCEPTS OF DEMOCRACY** * Explain the relationship between each of the **5 Basic Concepts of Democracy** using the **graphic organizer.** * Make connections between each of the concepts by drawing lines from one concept to another & **explain how they are related** (e.g. cause & effect relationships, how one supports the other, etc.) |
| **Citizenship** |  |
| **Citizenship**   * **CONTRAST –**   **Duties vs. Responsibilities** | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Duties** | **Responsibilities** | | **Duties of citizenship**  **are…**   * **Examples:** | **Responsibilities of citizenship are…**   * **Examples:** | |
| **Citizenship Overview** | **What does being (or becoming) a U.S. Citizen mean to you?** |
| **Democracy & the Free Enterprise Economic System** |  |
| **Government and Free Enterprise** |  |
| ***CHECKPOINT!*** | * **Explain the relationship between democracy & the free enterprise economic system?** * **How do they support each other?** * **How might they work against each other?** |