

Fact file maker: Democracy in Australia



- Democracy is a very old concept dating back to Ancient Athens. Investigate what **demos** and **kratos** mean and describe how this idea worked in Ancient Athens.
- **Magna Carta** 1215 – the signing of this document played a role in the path of democracy. Find out why this agreement that King John signed is so important?

<http://www.magnacartalegacy.org/magnacarta.html>

- Focussing on three types of democracy, research them to discover their key features and record them in the table, so that you understand how they are different from each other.

<https://www.forteachersforstudents.com.au/site/wp-content/uploads/KidsMedia/Democracy/pdfs/democracy-facts.pdf>

| Type of democracy | Key features |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Absolute monarchy | |
| Direct democracy | |
| Representative democracy | |

Australia is a representative democracy and also a constitutional monarchy –
What are the two key features of a constitutional monarchy?

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Quick facts: Elections in the Northern Territory

To be able to vote in the Northern Territory general election a person must be:

- 18 years or older
- an Australian citizen
- enrolled to vote



Elections are held: _____

The day/date of the next Territory election is: _____

Using this link, find your electorate: [Find my electorate | NTEC](#)

My electorate is: _____

Investigate this representative, covering the following:

<https://parliament.nt.gov.au/members/by-name>

My representative in the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly is: _____

My representative has been a member of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly since:

The political party they belong to is: _____

List four matters that I would expect my representative to be involved with in my local community:

- * _____
- * _____
- * _____
- * _____

What characteristics do you think a good representative needs to have, and why?

- * _____
- * _____
- * _____

If you were representing your electorate in the Legislative Assembly, what law for the Territory would you like to see passed?

- * _____
- * _____

Why do you think this law needs to be passed?

- * _____
- * _____

Do you think it would be popular with all citizens of the Northern Territory? Why/why not?

- * _____
- * _____

