

# Fact file maker: Democracy in Australia



- Democracy is a very old concept dating back to Ancient Athens. *Investigate* what **dem** 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>

<i>Type of democracy</i>	<i>Key features</i>
<b><i>Absolute monarchy</i></b>	
<b><i>Direct democracy</i></b>	
<b><i>Representative democracy</i></b>	

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

- 1.
- 2.

**Quick facts: Elections in the Northern Territory**

<https://ntec.nt.gov.au/>  
<https://ntec.nt.gov.au/Electoral-divisions/find-my-electoral-division>

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:

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?

