

UNIT 3: UNREST IN THE NORTH AMERICAN COLONIES
CONCEPT ATTAINMENT – What is Democracy?

Which of the following statements demonstrate what a 'DEMOCRACY' is?

Circle all the statements you feel best describe a democracy or a democratic country.

- ❖ The right to life, liberty, and property
- ❖ Absolute monarchy (king/queen has total power and control; makes all the decisions)
- ❖ Freedom to practice any religion
- ❖ Censorship (information is limited by a person, body, or organization)
- ❖ Cruel punishments for crimes
- ❖ Habeas Corpus (no conviction of a prisoner without a fair trial)
- ❖ Freedom of speech
- ❖ People get to vote and majority rules
- ❖ Fair representation in government
- ❖ Forced loans and unfair taxes
- ❖ Basic rights and freedoms written down in law
- ❖ Dictatorship (an individual has total power and control, supported by the military)
- ❖ Tyranny (cruel use of power)
- ❖ Press (media, newspapers, TV) can report on any story
- ❖ A constitution (written set of laws explaining how government works)
- ❖ Military rules the people
- ❖ Multiple political parties are allowed to be in government