

Greek Influence on U.S. Democracy Quiz Key

1 Read the inference below.

Aristotle's ideas had a large impact on the laws that people in the United States still follow.

Which sentence from the article provides the BEST support for the statement above?

- (A) This idea came from the philosopher Aristotle's belief in natural law.
- (B) He claimed that certain essential rights were based in nature, and that these rights stood above the laws written by humans.
- (C) *In the United States today, the Rule of Law is an essential part of our democratic system.***
- (D) Aristotle recorded the Athenian constitution and gathered together the laws of many other Greek city-states.

2 Read the section "America's Representative Democracy."

Select the sentence that suggests some limitations that characterized Athenian democracy also characterized democracy in the United States.

- (A) The founders of the United States also believed that only certain people should be allowed to vote and elect officials.
- (B) *They chose to structure the United States as a representative democracy.***
- (C) Instead, a body called the Electoral College officially casts the votes of each state for president.
- (D) The key elements of ancient Greek democracy are still in use today.

3 Read the following selection introducing the United States' decision to model its government on ancient Greece.

After declaring independence from England in 1776, the founders of the United States realized they had a special opportunity. They had a chance to create a government of their choosing. To guide their decisions, they looked to what they considered the best examples of government throughout world history. Ancient Greece's democratic form of government soon became their primary inspiration.

What does the author MOST LIKELY want the reader to think about the United States' decision to model its government on ancient Greece?

- (A) It was a reckless move that they failed to give proper consideration at the time.
- (B) *It was a rare chance to make a thoughtful choice about the best form of government.***
- (C) It was the obvious path to take after declaring independence from a country with a king.
- (D) It was the bravest idea put forward by the founders during the creation of a new nation.

4 How does the author build understanding of the relationship between democracy in ancient Greece and the United States?

- (A) by analyzing how the threats facing Greek city-states were similar to those facing the states formed from the original colonies
- (B) by comparing the Electoral College used in U.S. presidential elections to the systems that Athenians used to elect their senators
- (C) by explaining how countries around the world including the United States as well as international laws adapted the Rule of Law to fit their needs
- (D) *by describing the fundamental government structures and written ideas of ancient Greece that influenced the founders of the United States.***