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What is inequality and social justice?

Watch the video about justice. Afterwards, discuss these questions in class:

- 1. Why is not always fair if everyone always gets the same?
- 2. What are the two sides of discrimination?
- 3. Have you witnessed or experienced discrimination yourself?



Youtube: What is inequality and social justice? - BBC Bitesize Key Stage 3 Learning for Life and Work

To watch the youtube video just scan the QR code. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5uKJVDFHFw

Can you remember a situation in which you felt something was very unfair? Why did it feel unfair to you?

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Justice in a democracy

			Hi Max! Did you hear abou	ut the class rep election results?
Yes, Arsema! I'm so mad abo	out it.			
	Me	too! Lucy got the most v	otes, but Mr. Smith declared Th	nomas the winner. It's so unfair!
Exactly! What's the point of	voting if the teach	er just picks whoever he	wants?	
	lt	goes against democracy	Votes should matter. It's like s	aying our opinions don't count.
l know, right? We all chose Li better.	ucy because we be	elieve in her, not because	Mr. Smith thinks Thomas woul	d be
	This isn't	fair to Lucy either. She w	vorked hard for those votes. It's	s like her effort was for nothing.
Totally. And it's a bad examp	ole for us. How wil	l we trust the system if it	's not fair?	
	Ve should talk to N esson.	/r. Smith and tell him ho	w we feel. Maybe he doesn't re	alize he's teaching us the wrong
Good idea. We need to stan	d up for what's rig	ht. Fair elections are a bi	g part of democracy.	
		Yes! Democracy is abou	t everyone's voice being heard	, not just one person's decision.
Let's gather our classmates happen again.	and explain our co	oncerns to Mr. Smith. We	need to make sure this doesn	't
		Agreed. We have t	o do this together. It's about fa	irness and justice for everyone.
Absolutely. Let's meet after	school to plan wh	at we want to say.		

Read the chat between Arsema and Max. Then discuss in class: Why do they both find it so unfair that Nina didn't win? If Thomas would really be a better class representative, shouldn't he be allowed to get the position, even if he didn't receive the most votes? What do you think?

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Justice in a democracy

Probably you think it's unfair that Lucy didn't win the election because she was elected in a democratic manner. Watch the following video to learn more about the nature of democracy and democratic elections.



Youtube: Democracy - A short introduction

To watch the youtube video just scan the QR code. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6jgWxkbR7A

For each sentence, choose if it's true or false.

The word democracy comes from the Greek words 'demos' and 'kratos'.

○ True ○ False

In ancient Athens, all people including slaves, women, and children were allowed to vote.

O True O False

The Magna Carta, signed in 1215, prevented the King of England from doing whatever he wanted.

O True O False

Modern democracies typically divide power into two branches: legislative and executive.

○ True ○ False

Jean-Jacques Rousseau developed the concept of the general will.

O True O False

In a functioning democracy, the majority can choose to injure its minority.

○ True ○ False

Winston Churchill said that democracy is the worst form of government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.

○ True ○ False

Direct democracy is when people vote directly on new laws themselves.

○ True ○ False

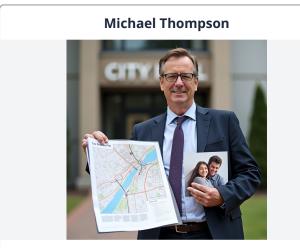
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Role play - election for mayor

Now you can take part in a democratic process yourselves. Four of you will receive the role cards listed below and present yourselves to the class in your assigned role. Give a short speech explaining to the class why you should be elected. Afterwards, the rest of the class will vote democratically.



Michael Thompson

• Age: 45 • Occupation: Business Consultant • Political Experience: City Council Member for 8 years • Important Subjects: Family Policies, Traffic Management, Economic Development • Important Character Traits: Good - Strategic Thinker, Empathetic; Bad - Stubborn

James Carter



James Carter

• Age: 58 • Occupation: Retired Architect • Political Experience: Member of the Planning Commission for 10 years • Important Subjects: Urban Development, Affordable Housing, Community Services • Important Character Traits: Good - Experienced, Community-Focused; Bad - Resistant to Change

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Sophia Martinez

• Age: 32 • Occupation: Environmental Scientist • Political Experience: Chair of the Local Environmental Committee • Important Subjects: Environmental Protection, Green Energy, Public Health • Important Character Traits: Good - Passionate, Detail-Oriented; Bad - Overzealous

Emily Nguyen



Emily Nguyen

• Age: 29 • Occupation: Tech Entrepreneur • Political Experience: Advisor for Smart City Projects • Important Subjects: Technology Integration, Education, Innovation • Important Character Traits: Good - Innovative, Tech-Savvy; Bad - Inexperienced