Activity: Greek Democracy

POLITICS:

Did the Greeks originate ideas or political philosophy that are in use today?

- 1. Teacher / class discussion/note taking about how the Greeks invented and used democracy and rights.
- 2. Teacher shows brief notes projected to the students, students copy as teacher briefly describes in lecture.
- 3. Democracy vs. Republicanism
 - Teacher asks, "How much does the class want the next quiz to be worth? We will decide by a democracy, one person one vote.
 - 1. 50 points without notes or wall paper
 - 2. 25 points with notes and wall paper
 - Class debates the proposals
 - Each student gets one vote a vote is taken
 - Teacher then tells the class to split into two groups, those that want the quiz worth a lot and those that want it worth less.
 - Class is told that the decision will then be made by a republican process
 - Groups choose two representatives
 - Representatives debate in front of the class with the teacher being the chair
 - A vote is taken of the representatives
 - Teacher/class compare the decisions of the democratic and republican processes.
 - The democratic outcome will be used as the decision because the democracy was used by the Greeks
 - The activity and also be used where all girls and 1/3 of the boys removed as non-citizens, vote is retaken.