

Vocabulary Recitation

Date Due: _____

Government

To recite is to speak. Call the class voice mail number and recite the vocabulary notes.

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“Hello, Mr. Johnston. My name is _____ and I am in ____ period Government class. I am now going to recite the vocabulary notes for We The People, chapter 3.”

Vocabulary Notes:

1. Aristocrats – Aristocrats are people of the highest class in society who hold inherited titles. They were often part of the ruling class in government. The United States does not have aristocrats.
2. civic virtue – Civic virtue is the dedication of citizens to the common good of the community or country, even at the cost of individual interests.
3. common good – Common good is the good of the community as a whole. Common good is sometimes called common welfare.
4. delegate – (noun) A delegate is a person chosen to represent others. (verb) To delegate is to entrust someone to act for you.
5. direct democracy – Direct democracy is a type of government in which all the citizens meet to make all the laws. In a direct democracy, all decisions are made by all people.
6. faction – A faction is small group within a larger group. James Madison said that factions seek their own interests at the expense of the common good.
7. representative – A representative is a person who has been elected to act or speak for others. William Lacy Clay is the congressional representative for St. Louis.
8. representative democracy – Representative democracy is a system of government in which the people elect leaders to make and administer the laws.
9. republic – A republic is a nation in which people hold power to elect representatives. The United States is a republic. The republic of the United States is modeled after the republic of ancient Rome.
10. republican government – A republican government is a system of government in which power is held by people who are eligible to elect representatives to run the government.