

LESSON TITLE: WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?

T:3 WK:1 SUBJ: History

GR: 6

LESSON 1 OF 8

Lesson Objectives:

- Chronology of History
- Comprehending new knowledge
- Engaging with sources

Resources:

- RES1 Timeline summary
- Video1: What is democracy?
- RES2: EdPuzzle Link
- WS1: EdPuzzle Quiz
- DWS/WS2: What is Democracy?

Equipment:

LESSON OUTLINE

Question hook: **How are different countries governed?**

1. Introduce the lesson with the question hook. Prompt with further questions such as: What are the names of some other forms of governance? Why do countries need governance? What are the benefits or disadvantages of a country being ruled/governed?
2. **RES1:** Remind learners of the timeline they are constructing over the Grade 6 year. (RES1 Timeline summary has been used in the previous modules as a guideline) Any important dates related to South Africans
3. **RES2: (TechLoaded)** Watch the video on [EdPuzzle](#), explaining democracy. Ideally, learners work in pairs or small groups to complete the questions and deepen their understanding of the concept. The main outcome of this part of the lesson is to generate a discussion around the concept of democracy.
(TechLight) If there aren't individual devices this can be completed on **WS1**.
(ZedTech) If there is no access to EdPuzzle, watch **video1**: What is democracy? And complete the questions on **WS1**.
4. **DWS/WS2:** Learners then write their own definition of democracy. They can use the information from the EdPuzzle as well as additional information they may have gathered from the discussion or other sources. It is important that it is in their own words. In a **TechLoaded** class, the teacher could set up a Flipgrid topic so that learners could respond to the question in a 30-second video.
5. The EdPuzzle video gives an infographic summarising the "Key Features of Democracy" as well as the "Fruits of Democracy". These are the advantages of democracy. Ask learners to think of the disadvantages of democracy.

6. Learners can then devise their own infographic on **WS2** or on coggle.it if they are in a **TechLoaded** class, to represent the Key Features, Advantages and Disadvantages of Democracy. The coggle.it can be downloaded and pasted into **DWS2**.

ZED TECH	TECH LIGHT	TECH LOADED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video1 • WS1 • WS2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EdPuzzle Video and questions in computer lab or on WS1 • WS2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EdPuzzle Video and questions • DWS2: Use coggle.it to complete infographic

Assessment opportunities: Informal: Check DWS/WS2 for understanding.

REFERENCES UTILISED

- Video: Civics Academy SA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwFLefMpooc>
- EdPuzzle: [What is democracy?](#)
- coggle.it
- [Coach in the class video on coggle.it](#)
- www.vecteezy.com
- www.pixabay.com