

Roots of our Democracy Unit #2 Study Guide

(bold and underline are the answers)

1. Where did democracy begin? (page 226) **Athens, Greece**
2. Why did the citizens of Athens choose democracy as their form of government? (page 227) **They wanted citizens to participate in government and choose their leaders.**
3. How are the Parthenon in ancient Athens and the United States Supreme Court Building alike? (page 222) **Both buildings have columns, carvings, and marble steps**
4. Which document describes the roles of each branch of government? (page 220) **The United States Constitution**
5. Where do our national and state government leaders meet and work? (page 212, 218)
National: at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C
State: at the capitol building in Atlanta, Georgia
6. The United States is a **representative democracy**. What is a representative democracy? (page 197) **citizens vote for leaders who represent them**
7. Why are laws important to a community? (page 200) **laws help people to live together safely**
8. What is the responsibility of each branch of government? (page 220)

Three Branches of Government

Executive	Legislative	Judicial
<u>To carry out laws</u>	<u>Making laws</u>	<u>To decide what laws mean</u>

9. Separation of Powers: The power of government is divided between the 3 branches of government because (page 220) **it is important to limit what each branch of government can do on its own, to protect the rights of citizens, and to make sure no branch becomes too strong.**
10. Congress is divided into two parts, the House of Representatives and the _____. (page 218)
Senate
11. Which level of government is responsible for the military and printing money? (page 221)
national
12. What are some rights that United States citizens have? (page 189) **freedom of religion, freedom to vote, freedom of speech, freedom to own property**

13. Use the words below to complete the chart with the leader or group that heads each branch of government at each level (pages 202, 208,209,218,219)

Congress courts city council mayor governor
 President Supereme Court General Assembly Courts

	Executive	Legislative	Judicial
National: United States	<u>President</u>	<u>Congress</u>	<u>Supreme Court</u>
State: Georgia	<u>Governor</u>	<u>General Assembly</u>	<u>Courts</u>
Local: City	<u>Mayor</u>	<u>City Council</u>	<u>Courts</u>