

Part One, American Government and U.S. Constitution

Lesson 13: Principle 12 - *Advantages of a Republic*

Name: _____

Part II: The Founders' Basic Principles – 28 Great Ideas that Changed the World

Lesson 13 Time: 28:29 [for Sunday May 18, 2014]

The 5000 Year Leap: 12th Principle: Reading Assignment:

Advantages of a Republic (pages 153-61);

Lesson objectives:

As a result of this lesson, the student should be able to discuss the following questions/topics:

1. WHAT IS A DEMOCRACY? WHY DOES DEMOCRACY ALWAYS END IN TYRANNY? (Pages 153-54) "and to the Republic..."

o not a democracy!

-requires full participation

-people will not study issues

-people will not sit through hours of hearings

-Greeks tried - ended in tyranny

2. WHAT IS A REPUBLIC? WHY DID THE FOUNDERS PREFER IT TO A DEMOCRACY? (154-55)

Democracy vs. Republic- (p 154)

D

1d -- all people participate

2d -- majority rules

3d -- no protection of rights

4d -- poor outvotes the rich, no protection of property (and tyranny)

5d -- works only for a small group

6d -- ends in turbulence

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1r -- Gov. by freely elected representatives of the people

2r -- rule by law

3r -- protection of rights

4r -- protection of property

5r -- works for a very large region

6r -- (ends) in perpetuity

3. DESCRIBE HOW THE WORD "DEMOCRACY" BECAME A TOOL OF THE SOCIALIST CAUSE. (155-57)

Changing Meaning of Democracy

o Used to mean socialism

o Most Americans think it means the way the founders set up our government.

o Confusion began with the ISS Intercollegiate Socialist Society in 1905

o Organized to promote movement of "industrial democracy known as socialism"

ISS

o Slogan: "Production for use, not for profit"

o Popularized thru govt., press, radio etc..

o By 1921, "socialism" gets bad name

- USSR -repugnant to many Americans
- o ISS changed name to "League for Industrial Democracy"
- o All the people could enjoy all the profits

4. TELL HOW THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN LITERATURE ONCE DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN A DEMOCRACY AND A REPUBLIC. (157-58)

U.S. Government warns against

o U.S. Army Training Manual on Democracy

- gov by the masses
- direct expression
- mobocracy
- communistic - no property rights
- passion, prejudice, impulse

o U.S. Army Training Manual on Republic

- Gov. by representatives
- authority by election
- fixed principles
- larger territory
- statesmen, liberty for all

5. EXPLAIN HOW THE TERM "DEMOCRACY" BECAME ENTRENCHED AS A DESCRIPTION OF OUR SOCIETY DURING

PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON'S ADMINISTRATION. (158-59)

United States a Democracy?

- o Pres Woodrow Wilson said W.W. 1 would "make the world safe for democracy"
- o Recruited many ISS workers
- o ISS workers went to work for:
 - press
 - teacher-training colleges
 - churches

6. HOW HAS THE WORD "DEMOCRACY" LOST ITS IDENTIFICATION WITH SOCIALISM IN THE AMERICAN MIND?

(159-60)

- o Democracy loses its identification with socialism
- Socialism lost its appeal
- US continued to be referred to as a Democracy
- In minds of Americans, Democracy came to mean the original system.

7. CAN IT BE SAID THAT THE TERM "DEMOCRACY" HAS ACTUALLY BEEN USED TO ATTACK THE CONSTITUTION? (160-61)

Attack on the Constitution

- o Democracy demotes the Founders Ideas
- o Seems to imply Founder's ideas are out dated
- o Initiative - People pass petitions and vote in own laws
- o Referendum - legislature refers issues to people