



## **Sixth Grade Civics Class Inquiry-Based Assessment Question**

**Theme:** Foundations of Government

**Standards covered:** 6.1, 6.2

Our Founders were inspired by the governments of the Ancient Greeks and Romans. Were the early governments of Greece and Rome successful?

- What were the critical elements that made up the governments of ancient Greece or Rome?
- Do we find elements from the ancient Greeks or Romans in our current American government? If so, what are they and are they helpful at making an effective American government?

Sample Follow Up Questions

- What elements of the ancient Greek direct democracy and ancient Roman representative democracy did the Founders find most important?
- Why was a republican (or representative democracy) form of government important for our Founders?
- British Prime Minister Winston Churchill reportedly said, "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others." Do you agree? Why or why not?