

# ***Citizens of Athens, welcome!***



Pnyx

Agora



What does it mean in Canada to be  
a citizen?



## Athenian Citizen

Athenian-born men with  
Athenian-born parents

Athenian citizens had most privileges.

\*\*It didn't mean they were wealthy.

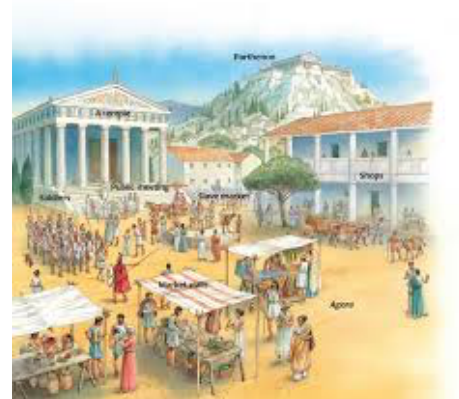
They were expected to participate in government.

They had to pay taxes and do military service. A young man could become a citizen at age 20 (after military service)

Citizens viewed participating in government as a right and a responsibility.

**\*\*Only citizens could debate and vote.**







- met about 40 times a year
- members make decisions on issues big or small
- members make speeches at the Pnyx
- debate, listen, discuss, vote
- every member had an equal right to speak
- voting by "hands up" or by stones



- full time government of Athens
- people served a one year term
- 10 tribes with 50 members each (over age of 30)
- each tribe was in charge of the Council once a year
- Council was chosen by lottery
- a citizen could serve on Council only twice
- every 24 hours a new leader of the Council was chosen by lottery
- Council planned the agenda for Assembly meetings
- Council supervised the running of the government
- discussed and voted on decrees that they would present for approval to the Assembly



Magistrates:

- government official working for the court
- could fine people, or send them to trial

Jury:

- male citizens over 30 could be on jury
- had 501 - 1500 people
- chosen by lottery

Today we are the Citizens of Ancient Athens. A Boule will be selected and they will select an issue for us to debate, vote and resolve.

If you are not doing your job...you could be ostracized!

**Issues to be discussed:**

Avoiding using ship names to avoid hurt feelings and respect our peers



## The Decree

May 9

It seems best to the demos that if there is any name-calling, particularly "ship-names" that students should take ownership for these hurtful actions by informing their parents of their behaviour, who would in turn let the teacher know they have discussed it, as well as a letter of sincere apology will be written outlining their mistake and empathy towards the situation. Based on the severity, consequences may follow.

## **Solutions to the issue: (Brainstorm)**

Write a letter to the people involved that includes an apology and positive things you respect about them

Parents should be notified

They may have to stay in for break

They might have to do a job  
Community Service

Have to do a sincere favour for those people/ that person who was criticized

Once vs. multiple times - consequences could reflect the severity; name-calling should still be severe the first time

"Five lives"

**Anytime at school**

Student take ownership and have to relay their "mistake" to their parent.

1. Take ownership
2. Consequence/ Apology

Solutions & consequences:

Issue:

Solutions:

Consequences:

## The Decree (law)

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In ancient Athens, it was expected that all citizens would vote during important debates. Those not attending could face fines. Did this show fairness and equity? Why?

