

Degrees of Democracy: Ancient Athens – CHV 20

Head of the Assembly	Generals (10 men)
Powers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> leader of the Assembly and the Athenian government 	Powers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> each general in charge of the army and navy in one of the 10 areas in Athens
Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one man picked by lot (random) each day from the Executive Assembly 	Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> elected annually by the Assembly, could be re-elected

Executive Committee (50 men)	
Powers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> acted as a “watchdog” for the Council of 500 took care of day-to-day administration of government services 	Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 men chosen by lot from the Council of 500 served a term of 1/10 of a year

Council of 500		
Powers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> controlled finances, foreign affairs, prepared laws for the Assembly most powerful group in government 	Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50 chosen by lot from each of the ten areas of Athens must be over 30 years of age served a one year term 	Government Departments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> composed of employees by the government to take care of roads, temples, naval construction, oversee trade

Assembly (43000)	
Powers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> passed laws, acted as jury, could declare war met 40 to 50 times per year 	Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> all male citizens over 18 years old of 43,000 eligible, only 6,000 attended at a time

Allowed to Vote	Not Allowed to Vote
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> all adult male citizens over the age of 18 (to be a citizen, you had to be the free-born son of free-born Athenians) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athenian women & children (128,000) foreigners (25,000) slaves (120,000)