



GOVERNMENT *DISCUSSION*

The following questions will help guide a discussion after watching Episode 2 of *On the Campaign Trail*.

1. Abraham Lincoln describes democracy as government *of the people, by the people, and for the people* in the Gettysburg Address. Explain how these three statements accurately describe the concept of democracy. How do these three statements play a part in the upcoming presidential election?
2. Compare and contrast America's representative democracy to Great Britain's parliamentary democracy. How does Great Britain's parliamentary democracy differ from the three branches of government that we have in the United States?
3. What are the two types of *autocracies*? How are they similar? How do they differ? Compare them to an *oligarchy*. Provide examples for each type of government.
4. In Episode 2 of *On the Campaign Trail*, host Bill Nigut describes the right to vote as one of the most important and special privileges you could possibly have. What does having the right to vote afford Americans, and why is it important for citizens to exercise their right to vote?