Various topics in Perikles Praise of Democracy

* Describe the form of government in your own country.
* Use the questions to that effect.
* Are there any things you would like to change in your country?

1. Equality before the law

• Is each person treated equally by law or are there groups or people with fewer rights than others? Or people who are inviolable?

2. Access to power

• Are the people who have power elected directly by the people? And in principle, can any person be chosen?

• Is there a draw in certain areas of society?

3. Individual freedom

• Do you have the impression that social control is exercised? Does that happen too much or too little?

4. Authority of the authorities

• Are state officials respected and state regulations followed?

5. National Celebration

• What national celebrations are there and do they bring national pride?

6. National Defense

• What happens if your country goes to war tomorrow? How would it defend itself? Who are the defenders?

7. Dealing with poverty in society.

• How are poor people looked at?

8. Political commitment (Pericles: " we do not say that a man who takes no interest in politics is a man who minds his own business; we say that he has no business here at all.")

• Are there many people (for example in your personal environment) who are politically involved? How do they do that?

9. The public debate on important decisions

• Who expresses his or her opinion when important national decisions are pending? Who is the most influential?

10. Support to other countries

• Does your country provide financial or other assistance to other countries? Why? Or is your country just receiving such support?