

# Unit 4, Lesson 4

## Sparta and Athens

# Vocabulary

assemble

league

reform

majority rule

# assemble verb

- When people **assemble**, they come together in a group.

# assemble example

Thousands of US citizens **assembled** for the inauguration of Barak H. Obama.



# assemble

Check for Understanding

Why did these students assemble?

Begin by saying:  
These students assembled because\_\_\_\_\_.



# assemble word family

assemble      verb  
assembled    verb  
assembly      noun

In ancient Greece, citizens would **assemble** to govern their country. They **assembled** to pass laws. These citizens formed an **assembly**, a law-making group.



**league** noun

A **league** is a group of people, clubs, or countries that have joined together for a **particular purpose** or because they share a **common interest**.

# league example



These four bowlers are on a team in a bowling **league**.

They assemble each week to play against other teams in the bowling **league**.

The purpose of the **league** is to enjoy the sport of bowling.

# league

Check understanding

The *League of Women Voters*, like all leagues, has a purpose. Look at these posters and determine their purpose.

Begin by saying:

The purpose of the *League of Women Voters* is to.....



# reform noun

- A **reform** is a change.
- re = again
- form = to form or make
- reform = to form or make again

# reform example

The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA) was formed in 1986 to advance civil rights of immigrants and major **reforms** in immigration laws.



# reform

Check for Understanding

Students might suggest **reforms** to school practices. Think of a **reform** that you would suggest.

Begin by saying:  
I would suggest the following school  
**reform:-----**

# reform word family

reforms	noun
reform	verb
reformed	verb
reformation	noun
reformers	noun

The Greek Assembly suggested **reforms** for their government. They wanted to **reform** how the government worked and the laws. When they **reformed** the Greek government, the **reformation** led to a more democratic government. The leaders of the reformation, the **reformers**, were pleased with the improvements.



# majority noun

- The **majority** of people in a group is more than half of them.

# majority example



Looking at this pie graph, which color represents the **majority**.

# majority-rule



When **majority-rule** is used by a group, a law will be passed if more than half of the people vote for it.

# Vocabulary Review

1. assemble
2. league
3. reform
4. majority rule

Put up the number of fingers for the word that matches the example.

-A group of people working together for a purpose.

-A change that is usually an improvement.

-To gather together.

- When more than half of the people vote for a law.

# Warm up OR Exit Tasks

1. A major change in a government is a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When people gather together for a meeting, the people \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A group of people with a purpose can be called a \_\_\_\_\_.

# Warm up OR Exit Tasks

1. One reason that people might **assemble** is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. If the people had a purpose that they wanted to work toward, they might form a \_\_\_\_\_.
3. When Greece moved to **majority** \_\_\_\_\_, it was a major \_\_\_\_\_.