

FIRST SENTENCE:

The idea of democracy, which most people cherish today, was born in ancient Athens c.508 BC, after a long struggle to rise up from the archaic plateau.

OUTLINE:

- In the beginning, Athens had a monarchy.
 - Monarchy is a government where one person rules.
- The Eupatrids made Athens into an aristocracy.
 - Aristocracy means the "rule of the best".
- The Eupatrids enslaved the commoners in aristocracy.
- Solon ended debt slavery c.594 BC.
- The commoners were not satisfied, because they wanted more land.
- Peisistratus became the tyrannos of Athens to give the commoners more land.
- The aristocrats came back to power with the help of Sparta.
- A new leader, Cleisthenes convinced the aristocrats to share power with the commoners.
- c.508 BC Cleisthenes invented democracy.