

# Town Meetings: Democracy in Action

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## A Review of Colonial Government and Self-Rule

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Answer the following questions based on what you learned about town meetings in colonial New England.

1. What was the main purpose of town meetings in colonial New England?

- A. To discuss family matters
- B. To vote on community issues
- C. To plan social events

2. Only a few citizens could participate in town meetings.

- True       False

3. How did town meetings allow citizens to participate in government?

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4. Decisions in town meetings were made by a \_\_\_\_ vote.

5. What kind of issues were discussed in town meetings?

- A. Building schools, fixing roads, and setting local laws
- B. Choosing games for children
- C. Planning parties and celebrations

6. Town meetings were held in private homes.

- True       False

7. Why is it important for everyone to get a chance to speak in meetings?

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8. According to Proverbs 11:14, in the multitude of counselors, there is \_\_\_\_

9. How is a town meeting similar to how your family makes decisions?

- A. Everyone shares their opinions
- B. Only one person decides
- C. Decisions are made without discussion

10. Town meetings are a form of direct democracy.

- True       False

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### Answer Key

1. To vote on community issues   2. False   3. Town meetings let every adult male citizen gather to discuss and vote on important issues. This way, everyone had a chance to voice their opinions.   4. majority   5. Building schools, fixing roads, and setting local laws   6. False   7. It's important because everyone has different ideas and experiences. When everyone shares, the group can make better decisions.   8. victory   9. Everyone shares their opinions   10. True