



**Section 2**

**SKILLBUILDER PRACTICE** *Drawing Conclusions*

*Drawing conclusions means analyzing what you have read and forming an opinion about its meaning. To draw conclusions, you look closely at the information presented, read “between the lines” for implied meaning, and use your own common sense to form a conclusion. Read the passage below. Then complete the chart with two conclusions you draw about Greek democracy. Cite two supporting statements for each conclusion. (See Skillbuilder Handbook.)*

**Democracy in Athens: Every Citizen’s Lot**

Every citizen in Athens could participate in the Assembly, which was the ruling body of Athens and consisted of adult male citizens. Furthermore, a citizen was likely to play others of the hundreds of roles in Athenian government that were chosen according to lot. (Lots are simple objects used to determine a question by chance.)

For example, every citizen has a good chance of being president of the Assembly for a day, a position determined by drawing lots. Every citizen was likely, over the course of a lifetime, to serve on the Council. The Council, which was part of the Assembly, had many roles and duties, including the preparation of all the bills submitted to the

Assembly. This subgroup of 500 citizens was chosen by lot: 50 were drawn from each of the ten tribes that made up the Assembly. Furthermore, each of these ten tribal units took turns conducting some of the lesser affairs of government.

Many lesser officials in Athens, such as those who oversaw the sale of corn, were also selected by the same process. In addition, the courts that tried almost every type of case (except treason and homicide) consisted of panels of 200 who were also chosen by lot.

In addition, from the middle of the fifth century B.C., those who served on juries and the Council received daily pay. Early in the fourth century, attendance at the Assembly was also paid.

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