

Describe how the American values identified by Alexis de Tocqueville are different and unique from those of other nations.



WHAT IDEAS DO YOU
THINK MAKE AMERICA
GREAT?

ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE
DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA



- TRAVELED THROUGH AMERICA IN THE EARLY 1830s. HE OBSERVED THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE AND GOVERNMENT IN ACTION
- HE WROTE A BOOK about "the Great Experiment" CALLED *Democracy in America* ABOUT THE STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT
- HE SAID THERE WERE 5 VALUES THAT CONTRIBUTED TO AMERICAN SUCCESS

WHAT IS A DEMOCRACY?

SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WHERE
THE PEOPLE DECIDE

HOW do we apply this concept?

The people make decisions by
voting



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How do these VALUES tie back or apply to democracy?

COME UP WITH A
ILLUSTRATION FOR EACH VALUE

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