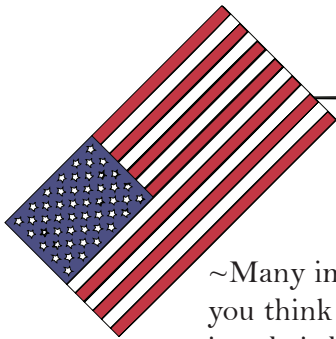


MONARCHY VS. DEMOCRACY

Immigrants came to America for the chance at a better life. They were in search of a country free of famine, civil war, and economic depression, but did you know some immigrants also came to America for its government?

During the 19th and 20th centuries, many countries of the world were monarchies. A monarchy is a form of government in which the majority of the country's governing power is held by one person, like a king or queen. Sometimes monarchies work well, and sometimes they don't. When common people suffer, their monarchs don't always choose to listen. In a monarchy, the monarch can choose who to help and how to help them.

The United States of America was created on principles of a different type of government called democracy. In a democracy, the government gets its power from the people and must be accountable to those same people. If the common people are unhappy, their government needs to pay attention to them or else that government won't be in power much longer.



~Many immigrants liked America's government better than their own countries'. Why do you think these immigrants would choose to travel hundreds and hundreds of miles, leaving their homes and their friends, to be part of a democracy instead of a monarchy?
