Activity

Ideas for the U.S. Government

Directions: Here are some political ideas from the past that were used in the formation of the United States government. Decide whether the ideas came from ancient Greece, ancient Rome, England, or the American Colonies. Write *Greece, Rome, England,* or *American Colonies* on the line beside each statement.

1) This country had a Senate like the United States has today. **2)** The Parliament in this country made laws. **3)** The word *democracy* comes from the language of this country. 4) Two classes of people in this country were the wealthy men and the common people. 5) This ancient country was referred to as a republic. **6)** The idea of a free press began here. 7) The Declaration of Independence was written here. 8) This country was the first to use a jury system started by the king. 9) Some ideas for *democracy* began here in 700 B.C. **10)** This ancient country had elected representatives to speak for the people. 11) All free males ran the government in this country and took turns holding office. **12)** A Bill of Rights was first written in this country. **13)** The Puritans had the first ideas about religious freedom. **14)** The first Constitution was written here.

15) The king in this country appointed judges who traveled

throughout the country.