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Exploring Ancient Athens: How Democracy Worked in the Birthplace of Democracy

Short Answer Key

1. Athenian citizens participated by attending the Assembly meetings, proposing laws, debating issues, and voting on various matters.
2. Ostracism was used to banish individuals believed to threaten democracy. Citizens would vote to exile a person for ten years if they were considered a potential threat.
3. Athenian citizens were responsible for staying informed, attending meetings of the Assembly, voicing their opinions, and participating in the democratic process.
4. The legacy of Athenian democracy influenced modern democracies by introducing principles such as citizen participation, rule of law, and decision by majority vote.
5. Athenian democracy excluded women, slaves, and foreigners from participation, limiting it to free, male citizens.

