GoPo Origins of Democracy

The growth of freedom is a tradition of individual liberties that protect us against government oppression. These freedoms can be traced back hundreds of years. The following project will enable you to:

1. Describe origins of democracy and democratic influences from the Roman Republic.
2. Identify and describe key players and events that led to the formation of democracy.
3. Identify and differentiate between key documents in the development of democracy.
4. Differentiate between primary and secondary sources of information.

The big question to be answered is this:

“How did the following contribute to the origins of democracy”?

The following people documents, or events all helped shape the form of government we have today. You will be researching and writing and summary of the information below, using at least two sources (please cite them on the assignment).

Include the following information:

1. Who: Identify the person or document or event.
2. When: Include any other events that took place during this time period.
3. Where: Identify where it took place.
4. What: In the case of a document, what was the original purpose and why was it written? What ideas were taken to shape the ideals of our democracy?
5. Why: Identify why the person, event, or document was an important part to the origins of democracy. How would our country today be different if this person, document, or event did not exist?

You will be presenting these to the class on Monday.

Topics: in this age of internet, you should not have much trouble finding information, you just have to look for it!

1. Virginia Laws: Virginia Declaration of Rights
2. Benjamin Franklin
3. Baron de Montesquieu
4. Thomas Paine: *Common Sense*
5. John Adams
6. Abigail Adams
7. James Madison
8. Alexander Hamilton
9. George Mason
10. Thomas Hobbes
11. Jacque Rousseau
12. David Hume

OR Francis Hutchinson: Scottish Philosopher

1. The Enlightenment
2. Aristotle
3. John Jay
4. The Mayflower Compact