

The Four Forms of Government in Ancient Greece

Directions: Complete this table by writing the positive sides and the negative sides of these forms of government in ancient Greece.

	Monarchy	Oligarchy	Tyranny	Democracy
Pro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power lies with one person. Decisions are made easily. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power is in the hands of a few people, decisions are made between a few people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyrants overthrew the oligarchs. • Made changes that helped the poor. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every free man had the right to attend the assembly and participate in making decisions.
Con	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too much power in one persons hands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misused power by taking advantage of the poor. Also, treated poor people harshly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some did not use their power to help the people. • Took power illegally • Ruled harshly • Had spies report people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age limitations • Gender biased • Slaves had no rights • Powerful speakers persuaded ordinary voters unwisely.