

Contrasting Democracy with Dictatorship

Chapter 13 Section 3 - Fascism in Italy

In our first unit we studied the sources of the democratic tradition. On the left are the basic democratic ideas we studied. Look at this list, and use Chapter 13 Section 3 on *Fascism in Italy* to contrast democracy with dictatorship. Use examples from Mussolini's government to show how his dictatorship was different from the democratic governments we studied. Paraphrase your text, following my model on the first example for the remaining five.

Democracy	Dictatorship
Citizens choose their government through voting and free elections, not through intimidation and force.	Mussolini's Black Shirts used violence to attack opponents' demonstrations. They used intimidation and terror to get rid of elected officials. Mussolini's fascists threatened civil war, so the King Emmanuel made Mussolini Prime Minister.
Several Political Parties compete in elections.	
People are free to start their own businesses and engage in free enterprise, without government control.	

<p>The law guarantees of basic freedoms for citizens, including freedom of speech, equal protection under the law, and due process.</p>	
<p>The press is free to criticize the government and political leaders.</p>	
<p>The government serves the needs of its citizens and can be replaced when people feel unhappy with a leader or representative.</p>	