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## Democracy Then & Now Answer Key

Student responses will vary. Strong responses should include:

- The Pilgrims agreed to choose leaders and follow fair laws together
- Modern democracy includes voting, rights, and participation by citizens
- Both systems value fairness, cooperation, and shared decision-making

### Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose:** Strengthen historical connection skills and civic understanding through reflective writing.
- **Pre-Writing Support:**
  - Review examples of self-government from the Compact
  - Brainstorm modern democratic principles (voting, representation, freedoms)
- **Differentiation:**
  - Provide a graphic organizer for idea planning
  - Allow oral discussion before writing to build confidence
  - Challenge advanced students to include references to the Constitution or Bill of Rights
- **Engagement:** Conduct a quick poll to model voting and representation in class
- **Extension:** Students create a mini-poster comparing the Mayflower Compact to a modern civic rule, identifying how both promote fairness and shared power