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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/607/2021_2022__E5_85_A8_E5_9B_BD_E5_85_AC_E5_c88_607114.htm Elections are the lifeblood of a democracy. The word democracy literally means “ the people rule, ” an important concept in Americas history. In the mid-1700s, England began passing laws that made the American colonies angry. The colonists had to pay more and more taxes and enjoyed less and less freedom. They felt the government of England didnt represent their interests. On July 4, 1776, the colonies declared their independence from England. They wanted to establish a democracy where people could have a voice in government. 选举是民主的原动力。民主这个字照字面的意思是‘人民自主’，是美国历史中一个重要的观念。十八世纪中期，英国开始通过一些使美国殖民地愤怒的法律。殖民地人民必须付愈来愈多的税，享有愈来愈少的自由。他们感到英国政府没有代表他们的权益。一七七六年七月四日，殖民地宣布脱离英国独立。他们想要建立民主制度，使人们在政府中有发言权。 编辑推荐：2009年下半年公共英语考试报名汇总 名师指导公共英语阅读考试技巧 公共英语pets三级全真模拟试卷 公共英语pets二级语法讲解汇总 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 www.100test.com