Thomas Jefferson once stated: "Every government degenerates when trusted to the rulers of the people alone. The people themselves, therefore, are its only safe depositories. And to render even them safe, their minds must be improved to a certain degree." (Thomas Jefferson). What Jefferson meant was that they are responsible for themselves and therefore must be compatible of doing the work. Liberal arts are the subjects or abilities that in ( ) were considered essential for a citizen to know in order to take an active part in politics. In Ancient Greek a belief began that said the duties and responsibilities of citizenship will be presented through our participation in public debate, serving on juries, military services and defending one’s self in court. The democratic principles of America can compare in the democratic values of the American constitutional democracy. These standards include countless opinionated definitions behind topics such as liberty, the pursuit of happiness, common good, justice, equality etc. Ideally the opinions behind these subjects are all thought to be essential skills and knowledge for the common citizen of the United States to have. The democratic principles state that the pursuit of happiness gives the right for each person to attempt at finding happiness in their own way, as long as they don’t disrupt the rights of others. Patriotism implies that citizens shall display a devotion to their country; the principle of equality states that all people have the right to political equality, legal equality, social equality and economic equality. I believe that this Ancient Greek belief is still important today’s time. In order to be a respected citizen of our country, you need the education of liberal arts to be eligible and active in parts of politics. It has become a common opinion with many Americans especially when it comes time for Election Day. Through my education I have come to believe that in order to be known as a successful or qualified citizen then you would need an educational or liberal arts background. The democratic principles were not made to just be simple rules to follow by the government, but for the natural citizens’ peace of mind in knowing that the country they live in will be based around these principles. If someone lacked a liberal arts background and forgot or never learned about history then they are bound to repeat it. In repeating history we may also repeat mistakes that were made. Where there are more people who don’t pay attention to current events there could be bad decisions made by them in their votes. When juries have members who have deficiency of duty and no sense of what’s right from wrong. These are many examples of what our world would be like without the education of liberal arts being provided to all citizens.