Making Decisions:

If you chose to vote, with the majority vote making the decision, your class is modelling one type of democracy.

If one person (e.g., the teacher) or a small group of people has been given the power to decide, your class is modelling an autocracy.

If you try to reach a consensus (everyone must be in agreement) for the decision, your class is working collaboratively. In other words, everyone must work together to reach a decision and agree with that decision.

In your own experience, what are some of the things that get in the way in consensual/collaborative decision making?

Consider the following scenarios:

* A family is trying to decide how household duties will be shared.
* A basketball team must decide who will be the starting players for the game.
* A class is trying to choose one activity for fundraising.
* A group of friends is deciding what movie or club to go to.
* The principal is asking for input on what to do to prevent locker break-ins.

Which form of decision making would you suggest for each scenario? Give reasons for your answer.