

ARISTOCRACY OUTLINE OF TOPICS

1. The general theory and evaluation of aristocracy
 - 1a. Aristocracy as a good form of government
 - 1b. Criticisms of aristocracy as unrealizable or unjust
2. The relation of aristocracy to other forms of government
 - 2a. Aristocracy and monarchy
 - 2b. Aristocracy and constitutional government: the polity or mixed constitution
 - 2c. Aristocracy and democracy
 - 2d. Aristocracy and oligarchy
 - 2e. Aristocracy and tyranny
3. The causes of degeneration or instability in aristocracies: aristocracy and revolution
4. Aristocracy and the issue of rule by men as opposed to rule by law
5. The training of those fitted for rule: aristocratic theories of education
6. The selection of the best men for public office: the aristocratic theory of representation in modern constitutional government
7. Historic and poetic exemplifications of aristocracy