

# aristocracy *(ar-is-toc-ra-cy)*

## Definition

n. an upper class that is usually based on birth and is richer and more powerful than the rest of society

## Example Sentence

In some countries only the **aristocracy** were permitted to own land.

## Synonyms

gentry; upper class; upper crust; nobility

## Antonyms

commoners; peasantry; working class

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