

Word Bank  
for  
Forms of Government

1. Junta
2. Monarchy
3. Indirect Democracy
4. Constitutional democracy
5. Theocracy
6. Totalitarianism
7. Aristocracy
8. Direct Democracy
9. Absolute Monarchy
10. Oligarchy
11. Democracy

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### Forms of Government



I. \_\_\_\_\_ - Position of authority that is inherited.

- Usually a king or queen rules
- Kept within a family
- In theory monarchs, use their ruling power to protect their subjects.

#### Two Types of Monarchies:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - Monarchs that rule without any restraint on their power. Common in Europe during the Middle Ages, however they are not common today. Most monarchs today are ceremonial.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - Power is shared with parliament and advisors. Monarchs usually have little authority. Most common form of a monarchy in the modern world.



II. \_\_\_\_\_ - One ruler who rules unopposed and controls all aspects of human life. Are often called dictators.

- No political opposition is allowed
- Impose many controls on the citizens



III. \_\_\_\_\_ - Rule by a few.

#### Three types of Oligarchies:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - Rule by a group of elites. Usually individuals that are wealthy and educated

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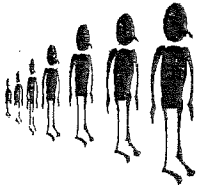
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - Rule by Military leaders.



3. \_\_\_\_\_ - Power to rule lies in the hands of a religious group, such as priests. Very few exist but in some countries religious groups still have a powerful influence on government.



IV. \_\_\_\_\_ - Rule by many or rule by the people.



Two types:



1. \_\_\_\_\_ - One-person one vote. Began in the city-states of Greece. Not feasible with large populations.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ - People vote for representatives who represent their interests in government. The most common form of democracy today. Also known as a \_\_\_\_\_.

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## *Weekly Writing*

Use complete sentences to answer the following prompt. Remember there are no correct answers to this question; it is opinionated. The important thing is that you answer each question and that you back up your answer with class content.

*“What form of government do you think is the best? What form of government do you think is the worst? Explain your answers.”*

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## 5 Principles of a Democracy

The following are the 5 major characteristics of a Democracy.

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Are there other characteristics you feel are not included that help to characterize a democracy?

Government definitions. Name: \_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Use at least 4 words.

- 51 1. Branch: \_\_\_\_\_
- 143 2. Elastic: \_\_\_\_\_
- 116 3. Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_
- 354 4. Popular: \_\_\_\_\_
- 90 5. Concurrent: \_\_\_\_\_
- 90 6. Confederation: \_\_\_\_\_
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- 16 8. Ancient: \_\_\_\_\_
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- 466 10. Suppression: \_\_\_\_\_
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Use two words above in two sentences containing at least four (4) words

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_