**GOVERNMENT**

*What is government? How do we decide who has power and how power is divided?*

If you could set up your own country…

* How would you divide the power to control a country?

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* What types of laws would you create?

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**What is a government?**

* A government is a body with the authority to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ laws, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those laws, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the laws when disagreements begin

**Each country has to answer these questions:**

1. How should the power be divided or distributed?
2. How are citizens going to be allowed to participate in the government?

We categorize or label the different governments in two ways…

* **Systems**: How is the power \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
  + Unitary, Confederation, and Federal Systems
* **Types**: Who is allowed to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? How are citizens allowed to participate?
  + Autocracy, Oligarchy, and Democracy

**Systems of Government**

*“How is power divided or distributed?”*

**Unitary**

* All power is given to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ level of government
  + National or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or formal document lists all powers of the central government only
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government can give power to other levels of government but does not have to
    - Central government can keep power and take it back whenever they want

**Confederation**

* Loose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of voluntary members (states, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or communities)
  + Come together to support each other and work on problems
* All participants are voluntary, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ members
* Each member participates in decision making and they all must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Central government only makes decisions regarding them all
    - Members make decisions for their country by themselves

**Federal**

* Power is divided between different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of government
  + Central government does not have all the power
    - For example…in the United States, different powers and responsibilities are divided between central government, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ government
* A document, like a Constitution, explains the rights of each level of government

**Types of Government**

*“How are citizens allowed to participate in government? Who can participate?”*

**Autocracy**

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ruler with absolute/total power
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or Absolute Monarch
    - Monarch = King or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Citizens have no participation in government or choosing leader
  + Usually there aren’t elections or aren’t chooses in candidates

**Oligarchy**

* Small \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of people rule the country and participate in government
  + People in that group only have to answer to each other
  + No one outside of the small ruling group can be elected
* Very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ citizen participation…only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the small group can make decisions or participate

**Democracy**

* Highest level of citizen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Any citizen of the country can become the ruler or leader of the country
  + Must meet certain requirements
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have the power…
  + Most officials are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Some issues are directly voted on by the citizens
  + Citizens must participate!
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - Pay taxes
    - Take part in Jury Duty
* Two types of Democracies
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Democracies: citizens directly elect both representatives and the country’s leader
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Democracies: citizens elect representatives and the representatives elect the country’s leader