

Unit 2: Government

Vocabulary

- 1. Government:** The system that sets and enforces a society's laws
- 2. Limited government:** Government in which government leaders are held accountable by citizens through their constitutions and democratic processes
- 3. Unlimited government:** Governments that have total control over their citizens
- 4. Constitutional monarchy:** A government with a monarch as head of state and a parliament or other legislature that makes the laws; A type of limited government in which a king/queen or other form of royalty rules the people; however, a constitution is in place to protect the people
- 5. Representative Democracy / Republic:** A type of limited government in which the people elect representatives to vote/rule on behalf of them
- 6. Direct Democracy:** A type of limited government in which the people rule themselves and every citizen votes on every single issue.
- 7. Totalitarianism:** A form of government in which the ruler is an absolute dictator not restricted by a constitution
- 8. Monarch:** A royal ruler of a kingdom or empire
- 9. Absolute monarchy:** A type of unlimited government in which a king/queen or other form of royalty has all the power
- 10. Communism/Oligarchy:** A type of unlimited government in which a group or a few people have all the power
- 11. Dictatorship:** A type of unlimited government in which one person has all the power
- 12. Dictator:** Someone who rules a country with complete authority

13. Anarchy: The absence of government and rules, resulting in chaos

14. Politics: Opinions and beliefs about government

15. Censorship: The suppression of speech or other public communication which may be considered objectionable, harmful, sensitive, or inappropriate as determined by a government or other controlling body

16. Federal Government: a system that divides up power between a strong national government and smaller local governments.

17. Hereditary monarch: a type of government where a monarch (usually a king or queen) becomes the monarch because he or she is related to the last monarch.

18. Constitution: a statement of the basic principles and laws of a nation, state, or group

19. Prime Minister : the head of an elected government; the primary leader of a sovereign/state.

20. Head of state: The president or the prime minister who is leading a country.

21. Democracy- People Power