Note that some characteristics may appear under more than one category, and that some are debatable. Be prepared to explain your choices.

- Power is usually hereditary
- Leader is chosen by the people
- Leader is not chosen by the people
- Leader's power is not limited by the law
- People can get rid of a leader they dislike
- All power is in the hands of one person
- The law rules all people and the government in this system
- An emperor is the leader of this system
- Often a dynasty, it continues over many generations
- This government rules over a number of territories that have some local power and independence
- Usually this type of government depends upon a strong military support
- Citizens are not allowed to criticize the leader in this government
- A king or a queen is the leader
- It is often believed that the leader

| Republic |
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| Monarchy |
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Empire gets his or her authority from God

- Power is absolute or unlimited
- Leader is often advised by an aristocracy
- Is usually democratic
- Is never democratic

