

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

	Republic <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leader is chosen by the people• People can get rid of a leader they dislike• The law rules all people and the government in this system• Is usually democratic
	Monarchy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Power is usually hereditary• Leader is not chosen by the people• Leader's power is not limited by the law• All power is in the hands of one person• Often a dynasty, it continues over many generations• A king or a queen is the leader• It is often believed that the leader gets his or her authority from God• Leader is often advised by an aristocracy• Is never democratic
	Empire <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• An emperor is the leader of this system
	Dictatorship <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leader is not chosen by the people• Leader's power is not limited by the law• All power is in the hands of one person• Citizens are not allowed to criticize the leader in this government• Power is absolute or unlimited• Is never democratic