

Types of Government

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

The student will classify different types of government systems (democracy, monarchy, dictatorship, oligarchy, theocracy) and identify their key features.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Index cards (10)
- Markers
- Notebook paper
- Internet-connected device or printed news articles (optional, for real examples)

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. On 5 index cards, write the name of one government type each: Democracy, Monarchy, Dictatorship, Oligarchy, Theocracy.
2. On the back of each card, write a definition and one key feature (who holds power, and how).
3. Research and write the name of one real country (past or present) that is a clear example of each government type on the front of the matching card, below the type's name.
4. Sort your 5 cards on a table from 'most power held by the people' to 'least power held by the people,' and record this order on notebook paper.
5. Write a short paragraph explaining why you ordered them the way you did.

QUESTIONS

1. **Define democracy and name a real example of a democratic country.**

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2. **Define monarchy and name a real example.**

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3. **What is the main difference between a dictatorship and a democracy?**
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4. How did you order the 5 government types from most to least power held by the people, and why?
