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***Systems of Government***

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***SS.7.CG.3.2 Benchmark Clarification 2****:* Students will compare the organizational structures of systems of government.

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| **System of Government** | **Example** | **Model** |
| **Federal** | Power is shared and divided between the central government and states. Citizens elect officials at all levels of government. | A picture containing screenshot, black, graphics, design  Description automatically generated |
| **Confederal** | Independent states have their own powers. There is no central government. Citizens elect officials of their own state  for the **legislative, executive,** and **judicial** branches. | A picture containing screenshot, black, design  Description automatically generated |
| **Unitary** | The central government has all of the power. The people do not participate in the selection of leaders. The central government makes all decisions for the country. | A picture containing screenshot, black, design  Description automatically generated |

**executive** - the power of government to enforce laws, make sure laws are followed

**judicial** - the power of government to interpret laws

**legislative** - the power of government to make laws