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*Why a Constitutional Republic?: SS.7.CG.3.1*

***Forms of Government***

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***SS.7.CG.3.1 Benchmark Clarification 1****:* Students will apply their understanding of various forms of government (e.g., republic, democracy, monarchy, oligarchy, theocracy, autocracy).

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| **Form of Government** | **Definition** |
| Direct Democracy | The citizens themselves make the laws and decide what  actions the government will take. |
| Representative  Democracy/Republic | The people elect representatives to make the laws on their behalf. |
| Monarchy | The government is run by a king or queen who has the  power by being born into the ruling family |
| Oligarchy | The government is run by just a few people or a small group. |
| Autocracy | The government is completely controlled by one person who can rule in any way he or she wants. |
| Absolute Monarchy | The government is run by one king or queen with unlimited power. |
| Constitutional Monarchy | The government is run by a Parliament, with a king and/or queen with ceremonial powers. |
| Theocracy | The government is run by a church or religious institution. |