



*The U.S. & The World: SS.7.C.3.1*  
**Forms of Government**  
**VIDEO VIEWING GUIDE #1**

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**Forms of Government Video #1**

Question	List Specific Evidence from the Video	Complete Sentence
1. What is meant by the phrase 'form of government'?		
2. Explain the three basic powers of all governments.	legislative power	
	executive power	
	judicial power	
3. How do we define 'representative democracy'?		
4. What is another name for a representative democracy?		
5. How is power limited in a representative democracy?		
6. How does a direct democracy differ from a representative democracy?		

7. Define the socialist form of government.		
8. Who controls most of the property in a socialist form of government?		
9. Explain the three decisions a socialist government makes about products.		
10. What is the goal of communism?		
11. What is a difference between communism and socialism?		

**Practice:** For each of the scenarios below, identify the type of government being described.

Scenario	Type of Government
In the United States, citizens elect representatives to federal, state and local government positions. These representatives make decisions for the people.	
The Soviet Union had a written constitution that got rid of social classes and had government ownership of all property. The government made all of the economic decisions and had lots of control over people.	
Some Native American tribes organize themselves by having all male adult members of the tribe vote to make changes to the laws.	



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**VIDEO VIEWING GUIDE #2**

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**Forms of Government Video #2**

Question	List Specific Evidence from the Video	Complete Sentence
1. What is meant by the phrase 'form of government'?		
2. Explain the three basic powers of all governments.	legislative power	
	executive power	
	judicial power	
3. How do we define 'oligarchy'?		
4. What is a monarchy?		
5. How does power in a monarchy differ from that in an oligarchy?		
6. What do we usually call a ruler in a monarchy?		
7. What is a constitutional monarchy?		

8. What is an absolute monarchy?		
9. How does power differ between a constitutional monarchy and an absolute monarchy?		
10. How might someone come to power in a dictatorship?		
11. What is an autocracy?		
12. What are the differences between the two types of autocracies you learned about?		

**Practice:** For each of the scenarios below, identify the type of government being described.

Scenario	Type of Government
<p>In some South American countries in the mid 20th century, a military leader would sometimes take all power through a military revolt against the government. In France during the late 17th and early 18th centuries, King Louis XIV declared that he had all of the power in the country because it was his right as king.</p>	
<p>In the early United States, political power was limited to a small group of white male landowners. What type of government is being described here?</p>	



**Reading: Defining Forms of Government**

**Benchmark Clarification 1:** Students will identify different forms of government based on its political philosophy or organizational structure.

Reading Task	Response
What ideas are presented in the reading?	
What is the central idea of the reading?	
Select two words or phrases that support the central idea.	
How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before?	
Explain in your own words each of the forms of government you learned about.	
Direct Democracy:	
Representative Democracy:	
Socialism:	
Communism:	
Monarchy:	
Oligarchy:	
Autocracy:	
Absolute Monarchy:	



**Reading: Forms of Government Scenarios**

**Benchmark Clarification 2:** Students will analyze scenarios describing various forms of government.

Reading Task	Response
What ideas are presented in the reading?	
What is the central idea of the reading?	
Select two words or phrases that support the central idea.	
How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before?	
Create your own scenario that describes one of the forms of government that you learned about.	



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**READING GUIDE #3**

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**Reading: Applying Understanding of Forms of Government**

**Benchmark Clarification 3:** Students will apply their understanding of the definitions of the various forms of government.

Reading Task	Response
What ideas are presented in the reading?	
What is the central idea of the reading?	
Select two words or phrases that support the central idea.	
How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before?	
Summarize in your own words the definition of each of the forms of government you learned about.	
Direct Democracy:	
Representative Democracy:	
Socialism:	
Communism:	
Monarchy:	
Oligarchy:	
Autocracy:	
Absolute Monarchy:	

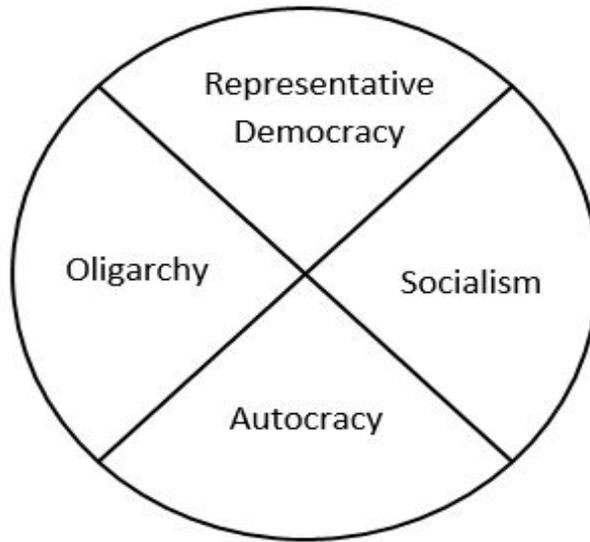


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Write about your understanding of the **different forms of government** by explaining the connections between and among each of the terms in the concept circle.

How do the terms in the concept circle fit together?





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**PRACTICE QUIZ**

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**Forms of Government Practice Quiz Reflection**

<b>FIRST Attempt Score</b>	<b>I answered _____ questions right.</b>
<b>One thing I learned:</b>	

<b>SECOND Attempt Score</b>	<b>I answered _____ questions right.</b>
<b>One thing I learned:</b>	