



Why a Constitutional Republic?:  
SS.7.CG.3.1  
**Forms of Government**  
**READING #1**

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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).

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.