



Why a Constitutional Republic?:
 SS.7.CG.3.2
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.

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.	<p>Federal System</p> <p>↑↓ Direction/Flow of Power ▲ State Government</p>
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.	<p>Confederal System</p> <p>↑ Direction/Flow of Power ▲ State Government</p>
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.	<p>Unitary System</p> <p>↓ Direction/Flow of Power ▲ State Government</p>

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