



Democracy

Constitutional Monarchy

Dictatorship



List of Countries for “Government Sort” Game

Note: These countries and their designations are mostly covered in the “Learn It!” reading suggested in this lesson. A few democracies students may be familiar with have been added. The notes following each country can be used as “hints” for students as necessary throughout the game.

1. **United States** (*democracy*) – a president elected every four years and congressional representatives elected every two years
2. **North Korea** (*dictatorship*) – one leader controls government and media
3. **United Kingdom** (*constitutional monarchy*) – hereditary king/queen is head of state; elected members of Parliament make laws
4. **Saudi Arabia** (*dictatorship*) – the king is both head of state and government
5. **Norway** (*constitutional monarchy*) – symbolic monarch; parliamentary elections
6. **France** (*democracy*) – holds both presidential and legislative elections
7. **Russia** (*dictatorship*) – the executive branch has control over the judiciary, legislature, and media
8. **India** (*democracy*) – people elect a president and parliament into government
9. **Thailand** (*constitutional monarchy*) – the king inherits power; that National Assembly and House of Representatives are elected and have legislative power
10. **Iran** (*dictatorship*) – holds elections readily, but are heavily influenced by one political party
11. **Bahrain** (*constitutional monarchy*) – general elections are held every four years for the National Assembly; king inherits title
12. **Switzerland** (*democracy*) – The legislative branch (the Federal Assembly) includes the National Council, which represents the peoples’ interest in government



New Government Structure

Country name:

What type of government does your country have? (examples: constitutional, dictatorial, democracy, constitutional monarchy)

Mark on the spectrum what kind of government your country has:



Direct Democracy
(government is controlled
by the majority opinion of
all citizens)

Representative Democracy
(citizens elect representatives
to run the government on their
behalf)

**Dictatorship (government
is controlled by one
person with no limits)**

Who has power? (circle all that apply)

monarch

president

council/group

military leader(s)

the people

someone else:

How are leaders chosen?



What limits exist on the government's power?



Many restrictions

Some restrictions

No restrictions

What are examples of the limits on government (if any)?

What rights and freedoms do citizens have?

How does the government protect these rights?

What do citizens need to do to get these protections?