

Types of Governments

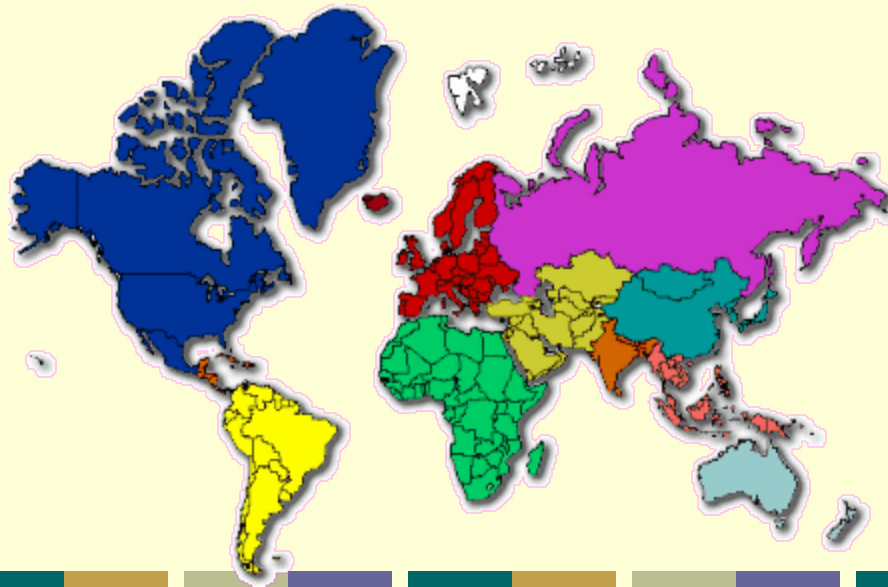
Grade 7

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Blueprint Skill: Governance & Civics

Grade 7

Define the different types of governments (i.e., democracy, autocracy, oligarchy, monarchy, and dictatorship).



VOTE



Democracy



In a democracy, the government is elected by the people. Everyone who is eligible to vote has a chance to have their say over who runs the country. It is distinct from governments controlled by a particular social class or group (aristocracy; oligarchy) or by a single person (despotism; dictatorship; monarchy).

A democracy is determined either directly or through elected representatives.

Autocracy

Government by a single person having unlimited power; despotism (domination through threat of punishment and violence) .



Oligarchy

A government in which a few people such as a dominant clan or clique have power.





Monarchy



A monarchy has a king, queen, emperor or empress.

The ruling position can be passed on to the ruler's heirs.

In some traditional monarchies, the monarch has absolute power.

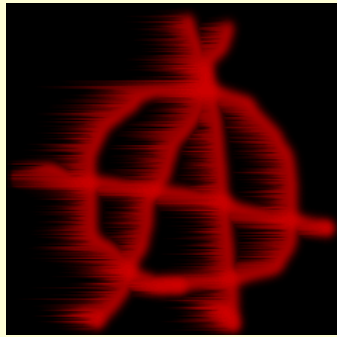
But a constitutional monarchy, like the UK, also has a democratic government that limits the monarch's control.

Dictatorship

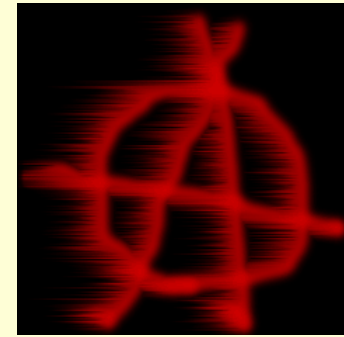
A country ruled by a single leader. The leader has not been elected and may use force to keep control.

In a military dictatorship, the army is in control.





Anarchy



Anarchy is a situation where there is no government. This can happen after a civil war in a country, when a government has been destroyed and rival groups are fighting to take its place.

Anarchists are people who believe that government is a bad thing in that it stops people organizing their own lives.



Capitalist



In a capitalist or free-market country, people can own their own businesses and property. People can also buy services for private use, such as healthcare.

But most capitalist governments also provide their own education, health and welfare services.



Communist



In a communist country, the government owns property such as businesses and farms.

It provides its people's healthcare, education and welfare.



Republic

A republic is a country that has no monarch.

The head of the country is usually an elected president.



Revolutionary

If a government is overthrown by force, the new ruling group is sometimes called a revolutionary government.



Totalitarian

This is a country with only one political party. People are forced to do what the government tells them and may also be prevented from leaving the country.





Ready for a *quiz*?

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Government
Squares**



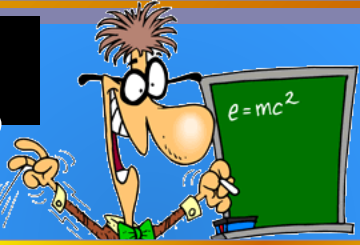
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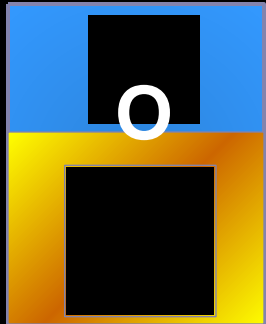
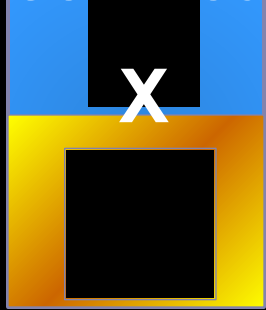
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Scoreboard



Click Here if
X Wins

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O Wins

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A cartoon man in a red shirt and blue cap, looking thoughtful with his hand on his chin.

Black square

2

A cartoon woman with blonde hair and glasses, wearing a grey suit and holding a black folder.

Black square

3

A cartoon scientist with wild hair and glasses, holding a green chalkboard with the equation $e=mc^2$ and a blue ring.

Black square

4

A cartoon horse with a wide, toothy grin.

Black square

5

A cartoon girl with black hair, wearing a purple shirt, jumping rope.

Black square

6

A cartoon elderly woman with grey hair, wearing a pink sweater and a white collar.

Black square

7

A cartoon boy in a green shirt, looking stressed with his hand on his forehead.

Black square

8

A cartoon girl with headphones, wearing a red jacket and a teal shirt, looking excited with her arms raised.

Black square

9

A cartoon woman with black hair, wearing a grey jacket and a pink shirt, holding a pink book.

Black square

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This form of government is elected by the people and everyone is eligible to vote.

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Democracy

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A government ruled by a king, queen, emperor or empress.

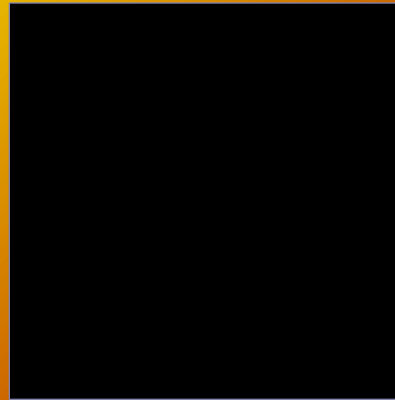
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Monarchy

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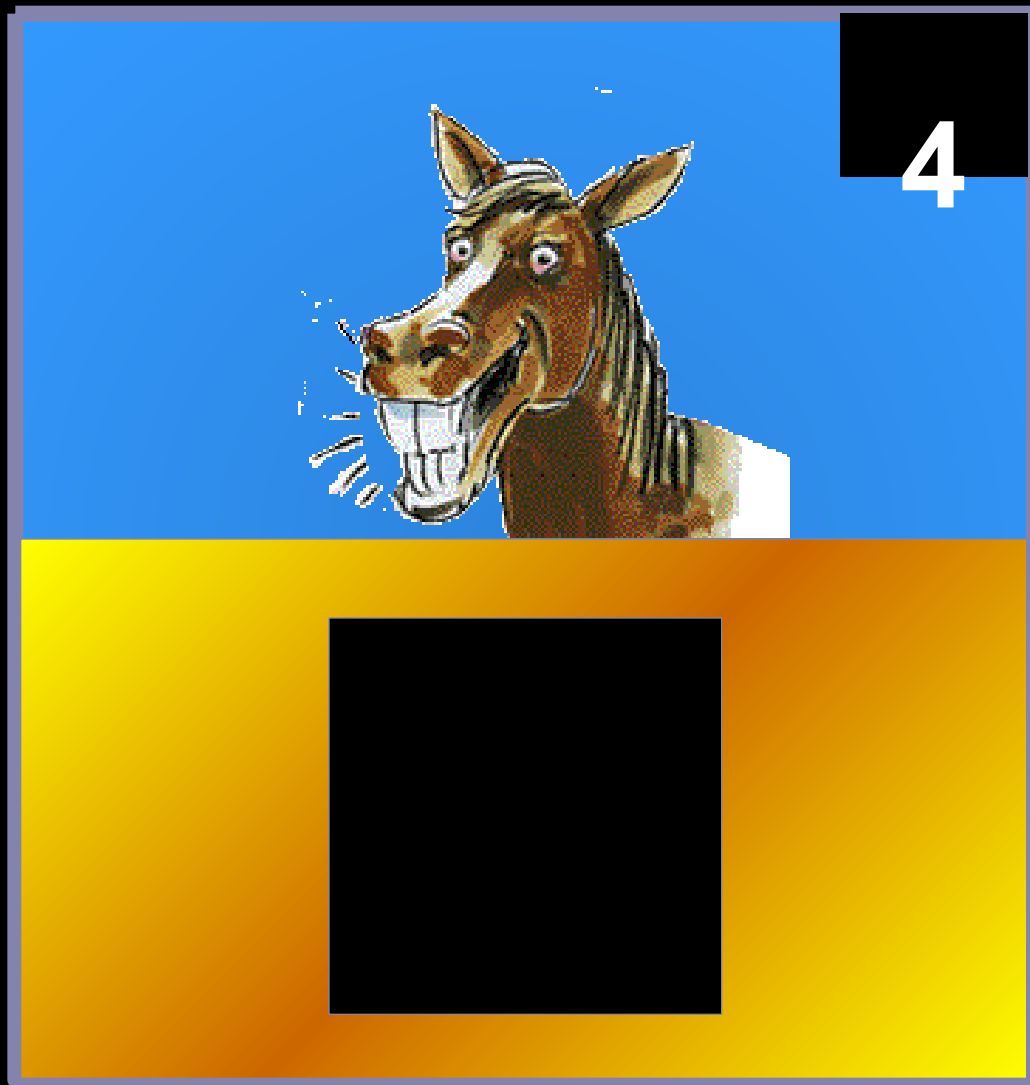
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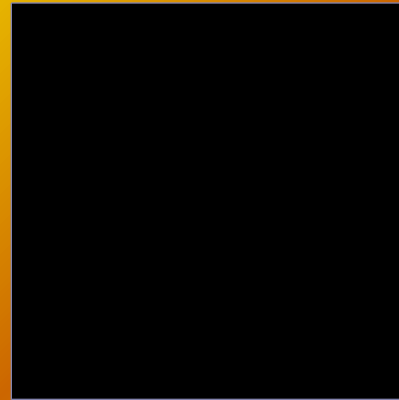
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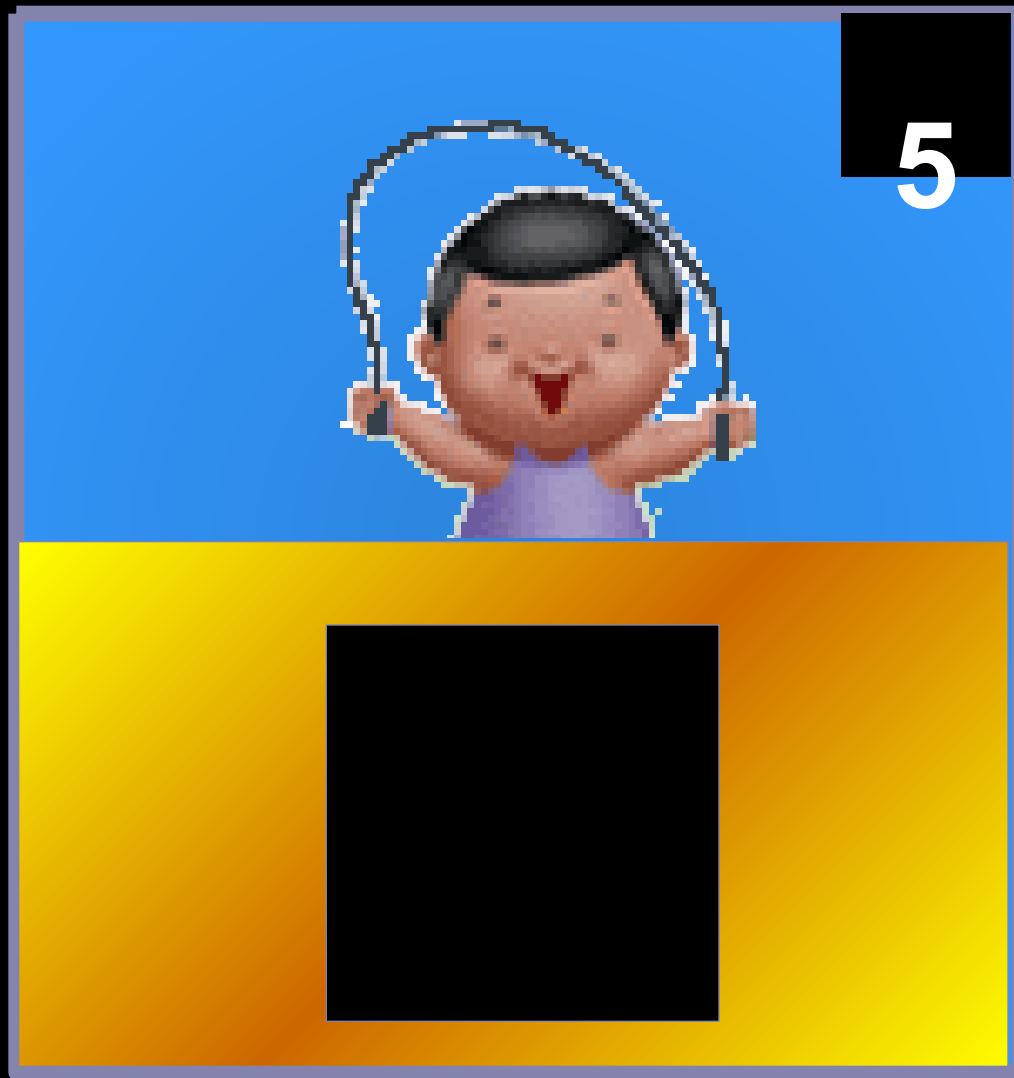
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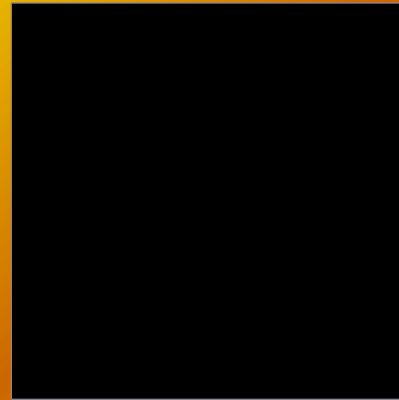
Autocracy

Home



The government owns property such as businesses and farms and provides its people's healthcare, education and welfare.

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Communism

Home



A situation where there is no government.



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Anarchy

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The ruling group that forms when a government is overthrown by force.

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Revolutionary

Home

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A government in which a few people such as a dominant clan or clique have power.

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Oligarchy

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A country that has no monarch, but is headed by an elected president or official is a _____.

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Republic

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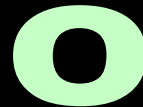
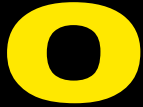
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