

Government/Civics Domain



Activating Strategy:

With a seat partner, discuss the meaning of the word Distribute. Come up with an example of Distributing.

When instructed, share examples of Distributing.

With your seat partner, now discuss different ways in which Power can be Distributed.



How is power distributed in different forms of government?

SS6CG1a, SS6CG4a, SS6CG6a

**Describe the ways government
systems distribute power: unitary,
confederation, and federal**

Use your Graphic Organizer to take notes during the lesson.

Name _____ Date _____		
How do governments distribute power?		
Unitary	Confederation	Federal
Picture:	Picture:	Picture:
Explanation:	Explanation:	Explanation:
Examples of unitary governments	Examples of confederation governments	Examples of federal governments

The ways in which government systems distribute power is the relationship between the national or central government and the smaller governmental divisions (states, provinces, counties, regions, and cities)

A government may have aspects of more than one system.

Ways Government Distributes Power:

Unitary

Power is held by one central authority.

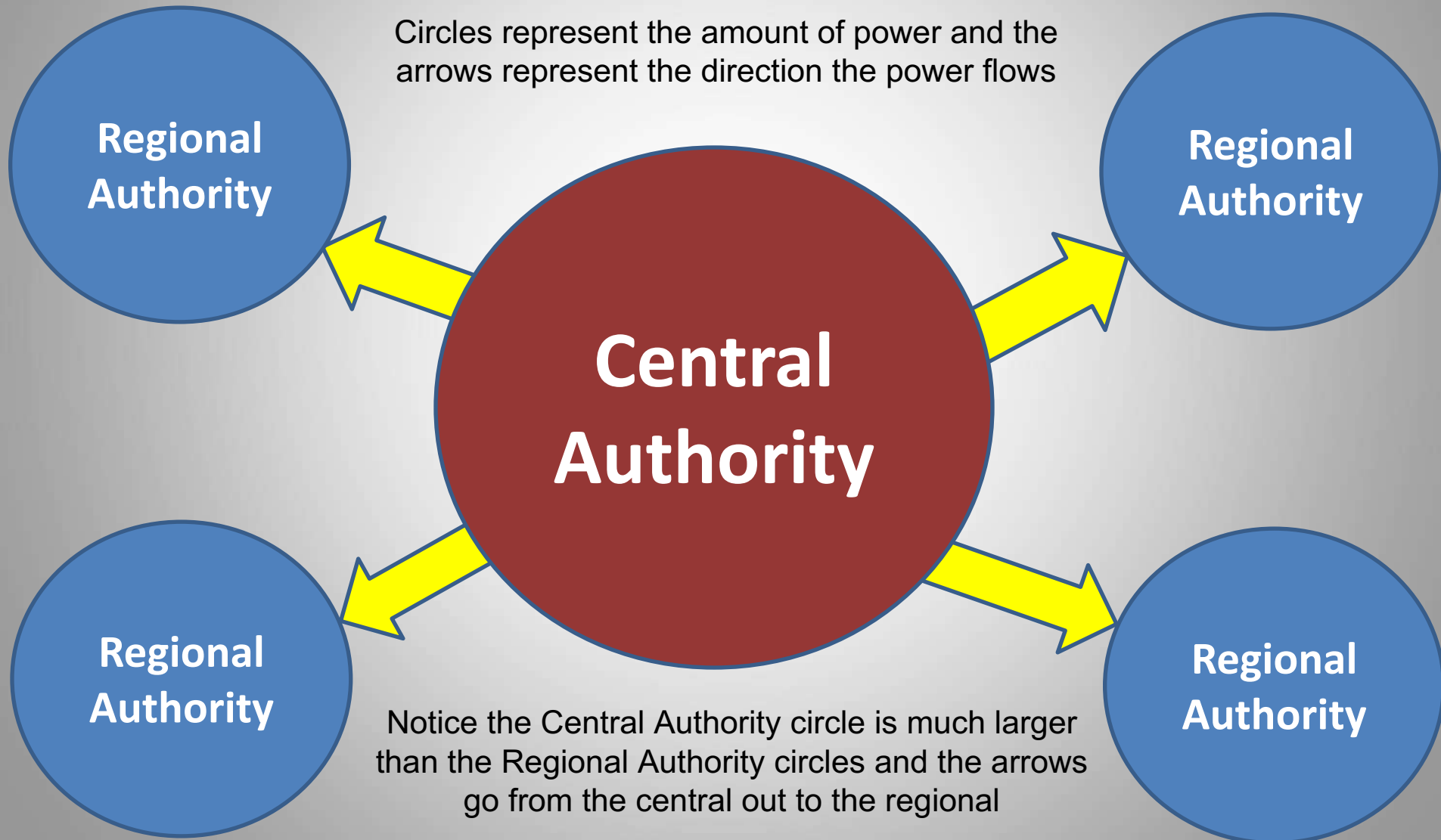
The central authority has all the power to make laws and decisions for the people.



Ways Government Distributes Power

Unitary

Circles represent the amount of power and the arrows represent the direction the power flows



List of Unitary States

Afghanistan

Chile

People's Republic
of China

Colombia

Cuba

Egypt

El Salvador

Equatorial Guinea

France

Greece

Guatemala

Guinea

Haiti

Honduras

Hungary

Iceland

Indonesia

Iran

Ireland

Israel

Italy

Jamaica

Japan

Kenya

New Zealand

Nicaragua

Niger

North Korea

Norway

Saudi Arabia

South Africa

South Korea

Spain

Sri Lanka

Sweden

Turkey

Uganda

United Kingdom

Vatican City

Vietnam

Yemen

Zambia

Zimbabwe

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Ways Government Distributes Power:



Confederation

Voluntary association of independent states that make their own laws and decisions, but are loosely aligned to a weak central government

Have some common purpose

Agree to certain limitations on their freedom

States maintain considerable independence

Ways Government Distributes Power

Confederation

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**Regional
Authority**

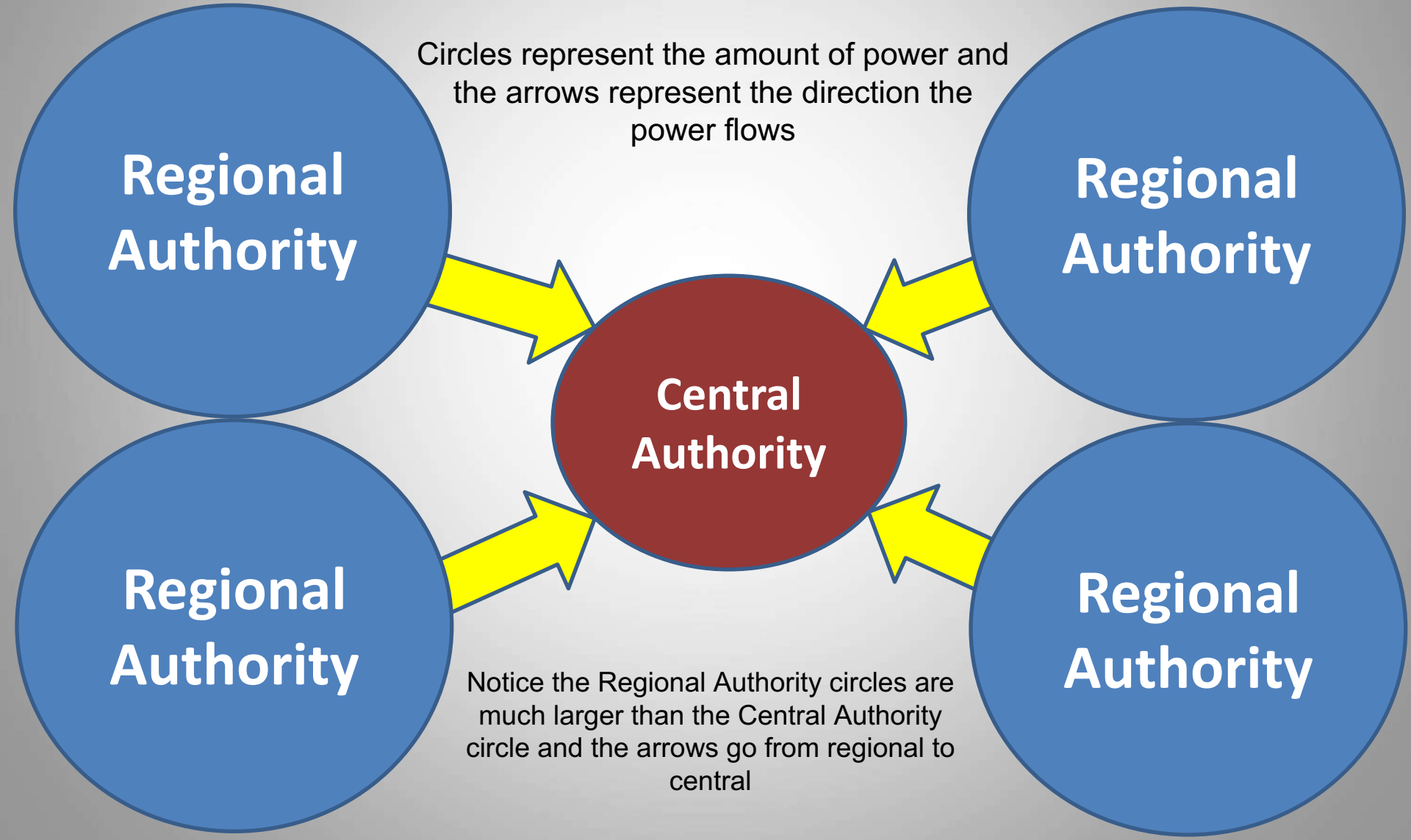
**Regional
Authority**

**Central
Authority**

**Regional
Authority**

**Regional
Authority**

Notice the Regional Authority circles are much larger than the Central Authority circle and the arrows go from regional to central



List of Confederations- Today

Iroquois Confederacy (1090–present)

[European Union and OPEC](#)

Historic confederations

New England Confederation (1643–1684)

United States of America under the Articles of Confederation
(1781–1789)

Confederate States of America, (1861–1865)

Fictional confederations

Confederacy of Independent Systems (Star Wars)

Terran Confederation (Wing Commander)

Terran Confederacy (StarCraft)

Capellan Confederation (Battletech)

Confederation of Planet Omega (animated series Once Upon a Time...
Space)

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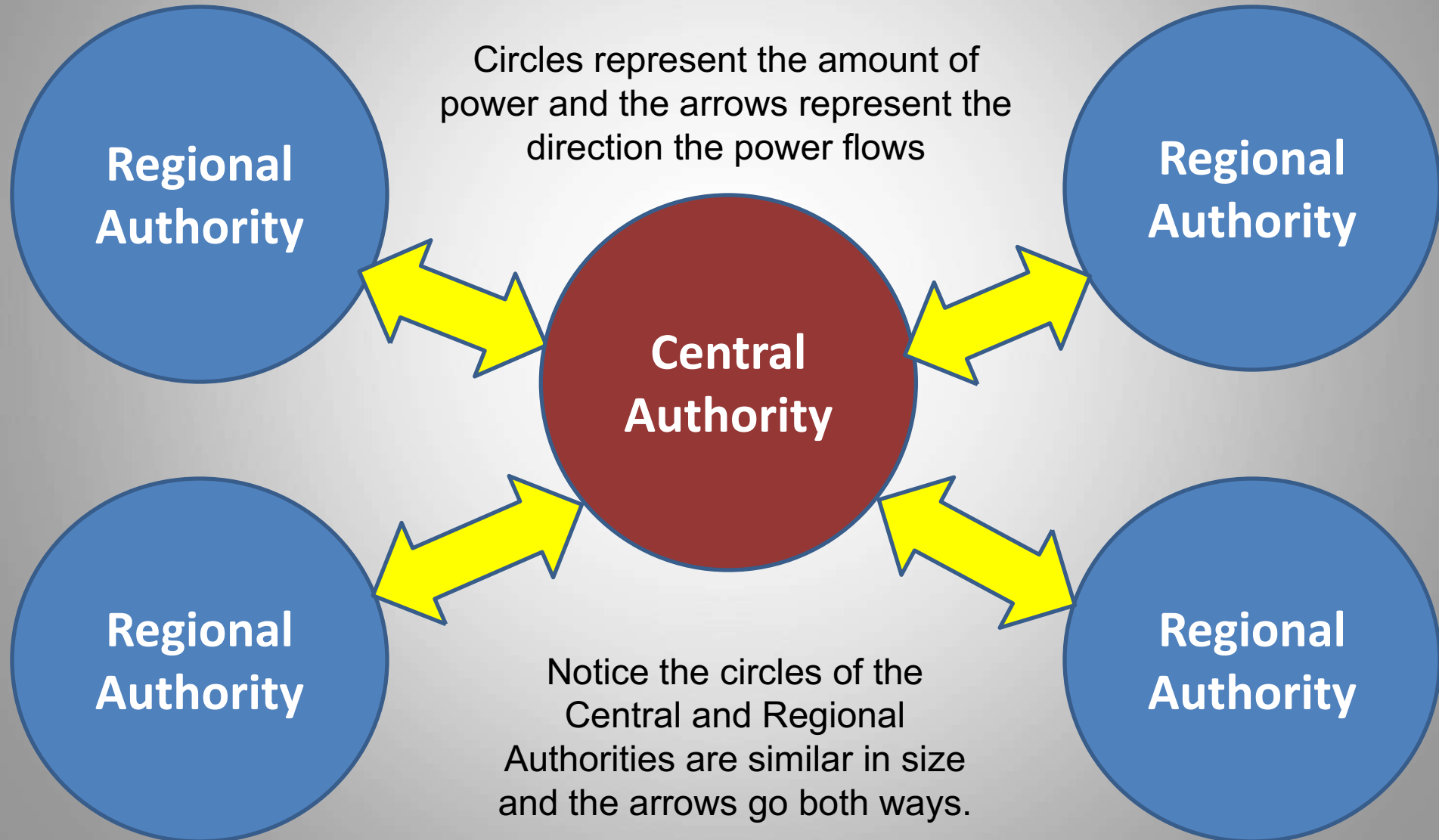
Ways Government Distributes Power: Federal (Federation)

Power to make laws and decisions for the people is SHARED or divided between one central and several regional authorities.



Federation / Federal

Ways Governments Distribute Power



List of countries with Federal Governments (24)

Argentina

Australia

Austria

Belgium

Bosnia and

Herzegovina

Brazil

Canada

Comoros

Ethiopia

Germany

India

Malaysia

Mexico

Micronesia

Nigeria

Pakistan

Russia

St. Kitts and Nevis

South Africa

Spain

Switzerland

United Arab Emirates

United States of

America

Venezuela

Countries in Transition to Federalism

Iraq

Sudan

Countries Considering a Federal System

Sri Lanka

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Video on Power Distribution

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9e4Nsd3rMQ>

7min 23sec

Distributed Summarizing

Government
Distribution of
Power Continuum
Labeling Task

Ways Government Distributes Power

All key powers
are held by the
central
government

State/regional
authorities
hold most of
the power



Unitary

Federal

Confederation

Strong central
government

Weaker central
government

Government Distribution of Power Summarizer