

Comparing Forms of Government

How should political and economic power be distributed in a society?

Vocabulary Terms

As you complete the Reading Notes, use these terms in your answers:

democracy	traditional economy
monarchy	republic
dictatorship	parliament
market economy	command economy

PREVIEW

In your opinion, which one of the following people or groups should have the power to make the rules at your school, and why?

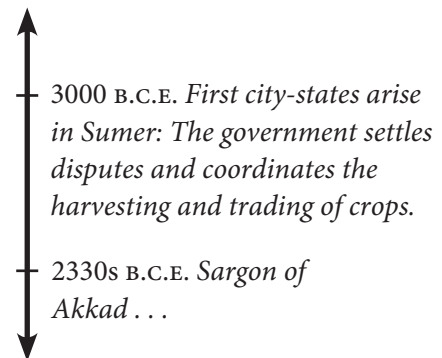
- principal
- teachers
- student council
- student body
- other (specify)

Are there any people or groups above that should *not* make the rules at your school? If so, why not?

READING NOTES

Section 1

Create a vertical timeline down the left side of a page in your notebook. Label the top of the timeline 3000 B.C.E. and the bottom 2000 C.E. As you read the section, record the date and name of each event listed below. Some of the dates will be approximate. Also write a one-sentence explanation of the main feature of the government associated with each event. The timeline has been started for you.



Timeline Events

- First city-states arise in Sumer
- Sargon of Akkad formed empire
- Roman Republic formed
- Athens formed direct democracy
- Roman Empire formed
- Feudalism began in Europe
- Rise of absolute monarchies
- Glorious Revolution in England
- American Revolution
- French Revolution
- Rise of totalitarian dictatorships

Sections 2 to 4

Create a table like the one below. As you read each section, record information in your table for each term listed below.

Section 2: monarchy, dictatorship, theocracy, single-party state, direct democracy, parliamentary democracy, presidential democracy

Section 3: unitary system, federal system, confederal system

Section 4: traditional economy, market economy, command economy

Term	Definition	Pros	Cons
Monarchy			
Dictatorship			
Theocracy			

PROCESSING

Suppose that you are advising a country that is creating a new constitution. Below are the priorities that the country might have when it comes to a government and an economic system. For each possible priority, identify the combination (*form of government + system of government + economic system*) you would recommend. Then, write one or two sentences explaining why you think this combination works best for the particular priority.

	Form of government		System of government		Economic system
Efficiency =	_____	+	_____	+	_____
Freedom =	_____	+	_____	+	_____
Prosperity =	_____	+	_____	+	_____
Equality =	_____	+	_____	+	_____
Security =	_____	+	_____	+	_____