Vocabulary Words

Standard SS.7.C.3.1 Compare different forms of government (direct democracy, representative democracy, socialism, communism, monarchy, oligarchy, autocracy)

anarchy	direct democracy	republic	autocracy
monarchy	oligarchy	communism	socialism



Anarchy

Definition:

The absence of any form of government







Definition

A form of government where every citizen holds power in the government



Representative Democracy (Republic)

Definition

A form of government where people elect representatives to make policies and laws for them.

Autocracy

Definition

 A form of government where one person has unlimited power



Monarchy



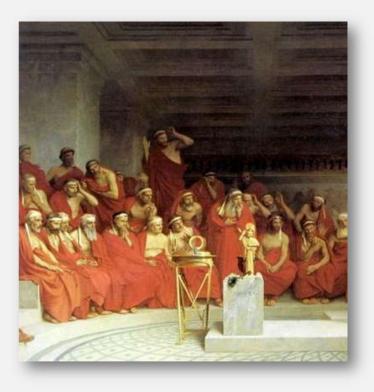
Definition

 A form of government headed by a king or queen who inherits the position, rules for life, and holds power that can range anywhere between limited and absolute.

Oligarchy

Definition

 A form of government in which a small elite group (often of wealthy people) has total control and power





Communism

Definition

 A form of government in which a single ruling party owns and controls the entire economy, and in which no private ownership is allowed



Socialism



Definition

 A form of government in which the government plays a major role in running the economy, but private ownership is also allowed, and leaders may be elected by the people.

