**Theocracy**

Priests rule in the name of a god

**Beuracracy**

Ruled by state officials

**Aristocracy**

Ruled by leading family

**Monarchy**

Rule by king, queen, or emperor

**Absolute Monarchy or Absolutism**

Absolute rule by a monarch

**Constitutional Monarchy**

Head of state is king or queen. Ability to pass legislation resides with parliament.

**Democracy**

Representatives elected by eligible members of a state.

**Republic**

President elected by eligible members of a state.

**Democratic republic**

Power is derived from citizens, and government is run by elected officials.

**Dictatorship**

Dictator has complete power over country. Power is obtained by force.

**Tyranny**

Cruel and oppressive rule or government

**Oligarchy**

Rule by elite group that pay attention only to their own interests.