

Foundations of Government

Vocabulary Builder

Section 2

monarchy	republic	oligarchy
federal system	dictatorship	direct democracy
confederal system	unitary system	parliamentary system
presidential system		

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence and choose the correct term from the word bank to replace the underlined phrase.

1. The first form of U.S. government was a system of government in which individual states have more control than a weaker central government.

2. Like ancient Rome, the United States has an indirect form of democracy in which citizens elect representatives to make decisions on their behalf.

3. Only a few examples of this type of government headed by one person who inherits the position remain in the world today.

4. Japan and France are examples of the type of government system in which ultimate authority rests with the central, or national, government.

5. In the American form of the system of government that divides power between the central and regional levels of government, the national and state governments have the freedom to act independently within their respective levels of authority.

DIRECTIONS Write three words or phrases to describe each term given.

6. dictatorship _____
7. oligarchy _____
8. direct democracy _____
9. parliamentary system _____
10. presidential system _____