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Define each form of government in the chart below. Then give examples of states with that form of government.

Democracy: Indirect: Examples: Direct: Examples:		Dictatorship: Autocracy: Examples: Oligarchy: Examples:	
Unitary Government: Examples:	Federal Government: Examples:	Confederate Government: Examples:	
Presidential: Examples:		Parliamentary: Examples:	

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Directions: Write your answer to each question. Use complete sentences.

1. What is the difference between a democracy and a dictatorship?

2. Define two types of democracy in the chart below.

Type of Democracy	Definition

3. Define two types of dictatorship in the chart below.

Type of Dictatorship	Definition

4. What is the difference between a unitary government and a federal government?

5. Does the United States have a presidential or a parliamentary form of government? Explain.

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Choose a state (political entity/"country" or "nation" of the world) to research the form of government it has. Include all information on this paper. Please do NOT choose the US, the UK, Myanmar or the People's Republic of China since they are already outlined in our textbook.
Happy Learning!

Official Name of State:

Capital City:

Population:

Form of Government: (circle your answer)

- a. Democracy or Dictatorship
- b. If democracy, what type:
- c. If dictatorship, what type:
- d. Unitary, Federal or Confederate Government
- e. Presidential or Parliamentary

Details about the Government such as....

When established?

Voting age/Limitations?

Term limits?

Current leader?

Current leader's position?

Major political, social and economic issues?

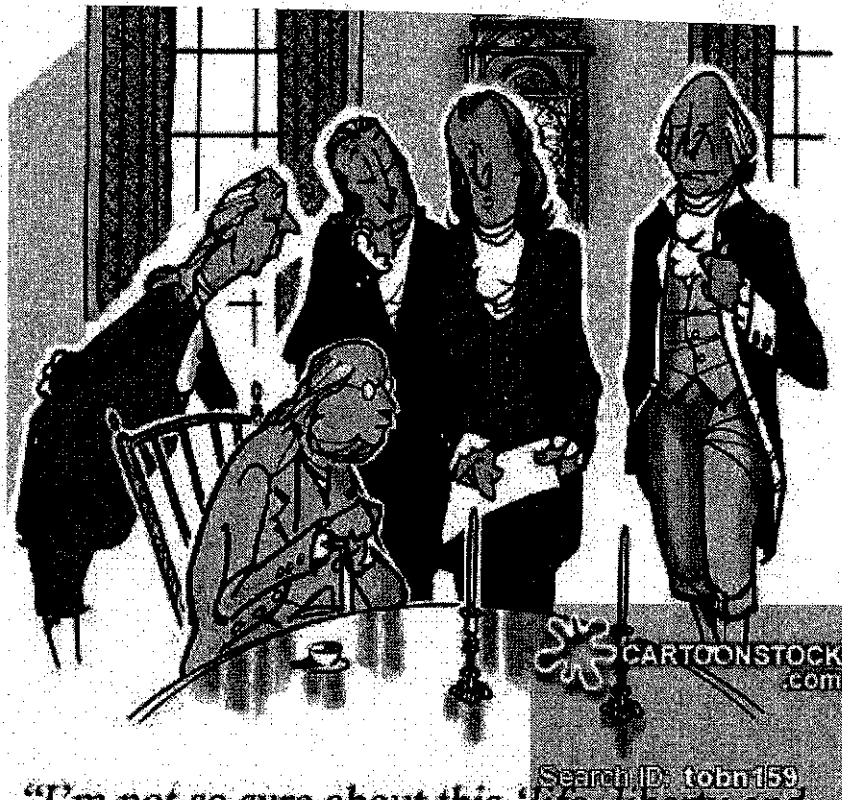
Task: Creating / Interpreting a Political Cartoon

Directions: Browse the Internet for examples of political cartoons dealing with democracies and dictatorships. Either create your own cartoon or interpret a cartoon that resonates with you. Answer the following questions:

1. What is the main theme of the cartoon?
2. Who is involved?
3. Where is it taking place?
4. What is the cartoon poking fun at, or satirizing?
5. What is the history behind the cartoon - why was the cartoon created in the first place?
6. Give your cartoon a caption or title. If interpreting a cartoon that was already created, give an alternate title or add to the caption.

Details: If you create your own cartoon a possible 50 points are available if you answer each question above and draw the cartoon. You may choose to color the cartoon, or not. Mini project will be assessed by completion, accuracy, creativity and neatness. If you choose to interpret a cartoon that already exists a possible 45 points are available if you answer each question above and draw the cartoon. Make sure you give credit to the creator of the cartoon. You may choose to color the cartoon, or not. Mini project will be assessed by completion, accuracy, creativity and neatness.

Here is an example to discuss as a class before you get started on your work! Remember to answer each question listed above.



"I'm not so sure about this 'life, liberty and pursuit of happiness' bit. Whaddya say we look at some polling numbers first?"

olivearchy (ô-liv-ār-kee)

noun:

short-lived political system where leaders were chosen by how many olives they could fit in their mouths.



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Your team has been assigned a form of government, either democracy or dictatorship. In the left-hand column, circle your team's number and form of government. Then list key features of that form. The middle column contains your assigned scenario. Your team's job is to predict how your government would likely react to this scenario. Base your predictions on what you know about your assigned form of government. Then write your team's predictions in the right-hand column.

Team Number and Type of Government	Scenario	Predictions
1 Democracy Features:	A drought has caused massive food shortages. Your government must decide what action to take.	
4 Dictatorship Features:		

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Team Number and Type of Government	Scenario	Predictions
2 Democracy Features: 5 Dictatorship Features:	Your government wants to initiate a monumental program in recycling and alternative energy.	
3 Democracy Features: 6 Dictatorship Features:	Your government wants a constitu- tional amendment to limit the term in which the leader can stay in office.	