

U.S. GOVERNMENT

(HONORS AND STANDARD)

Comparing Governments: What clues tell us how governments around the world function? Take a look at the governments of some countries around the world.

Pick two of the countries listed below, and select a third country of your own choosing, to investigate:

- Denmark
 - Iran
 - Jordan
 - Mexico
 - North Korea (Democratic People's Republic of Korea)
1. Enter the Online Database ABC-CLIO
 - a. Go to <http://www.arundelhigh.org/>.
 - b. Then click on the "Media Center Tab"
 - c. At the Arundel High School Library Catalog, click on the "Online Databases," third button on the left.
 - d. Scroll down to ABC-CLIO Social Studies Sites. Username: anne Password: Arundel
 2. Read this article on Types of Governments before you start answering the questions below to give you some basic information on the types of governments in the world: <http://americangovernment.abc-clio.com/Topics/Display/1184518>
 3. Once you have read this article, go to ABC-CLIO's World Geography database to look up the country you are investigating and read the government information. Begin here: <http://worldgeography.abc-clio.com>
 4. If you do not have access to ABC-CLIO, go to the CIA World Fact Book: <http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html> Select the country you are investigating from the drop-down menu. Look at the introduction and government sections for that country.
 5. **If you do not have access to Internet, use an encyclopedia or other reference that describes political systems (some atlases do this).**

Answer the following questions for the three countries you have chosen:

1. Describe the government for each of the three countries.
2. Based on your description, would you classify the country as a monarchy, oligarchy, dictatorship (military, political, religious), representative democracy, or a mixture of any of those types?
3. Does the government appear to have absolute power over the people or do the people limit the power of the government? What information leads you to this opinion in each of the three countries?
4. What other information would be helpful in order to describe the government?

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