



Social Studies

What is Government? Cont. - Forms of Government

There are different forms of government around the world. Four forms of government we will learn about are **democracy**, **dictatorship**, **monarchy** and **republic**. Forms of government can change because of events happening locally and around the world. **Anarchy** is when a country does not have any form of government. The form of government a country has depends on the people who live there and their history.

A **democracy** is a type of government where there are **free elections** and **freedom of speech**. There are usually several political parties from which people choose who they want as leaders.

A **dictatorship** is a type of government that is the opposite of democracy. A **clique** (a small group) or a **dictator** (one person as a leader) holds power over the people by force. There are **no free elections or freedom of speech**.

A **monarchy** is a type of government where there is a **king, queen, emperor or empress** as the leader (a sovereign or a monarch). Leadership is inherited or handed down.

A **republic** is a form of government where the leader or Head of State is the **president** who may or may not be elected by the people.

Some countries, like The Bahamas, have a combination of two forms of government. The form of government in The Bahamas is a **constitutional monarchy**. A constitutional monarchy is when a democracy and monarchy are combined to form the government.

I have studied my notes by reading/writing them more than once and will come back to read them again.

- (a) YES
- (b) NO