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| Class Notes / PowerPoint Presentation / Textbook Notes  **American Government**  Name:  Hour:  Date:  **Chapter 1: Principles of Government / Section 2: Forms of Government** | | |
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| **Focus Question** | **What are some different types of government in the world today?** | |
| **Objectives** | * Classify governments according to three sets of characteristics. * Define systems of government based on who can participate. * Identify different ways that power can be distributed, geographically, within a state. * Describe a government by the distribution of power between the executive and legislative branch. | |
| **Key Terms** |  | |
| **autocracy** | government in which a single person holds all political power | |
| **oligarchy** | government in which a small, usually self-appointed group has the sole power to rule | |
| **unitary government** | a government in which all power belongs to one central agency | |
| **federal government** | a government in which power is divided between one central and several local governments | |
| **division of powers** | the split of power between central and local governments | |
| **confederation** | an alliance of independent states | |
| **presidential government** | a government with separate executive and legislative branches | |
| **parliamentary government** | a government in which the executive branch is part of the legislative branch and subject to its control | |
| **Introduction** | * **What are some forms of government in the world today?** | |
| **Direct Democracy** |  | |
| **Indirect Democracy** |  | |
| ***CHECKPOINT!*** | **What are the main differences between a direct democracy & indirect democracy?**  **What are two PROs & CONs for both types of democracies?**  **\*DIRECT DEMOCRACY\***   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **PROS** | **CONS** | |  |  | |  |  |   **\*INDIRECT DEMOCRACY\***   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **PROS** | **CONS** | |  |  | |  |  | | |
| **Example Democracies** |  | |
| **Dictatorships** |  | |
| **Example Dictatorships** |  | |
| ***CHECKPOINT!*** | **What is the difference between an oligarchy and an autocracy? Give an example for each form of government.** | |
| **Unitary Government** |  | |
| **Federal Government** |  | |
| **Confederate Government** |  | |
| ***CHECKPOINT!*** |  | |
| **Presidential Government** |  | |
| **Parliamentary Government** |  | |
| ***CHECKPOINT!*** | **What are the key differences between a Presidential Government & Parliamentary Government? Give an example (nation state) for each.** | |
| **Complete the chart below to *compare* (similarity) & *contrast* (difference) the following forms of government:**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Unitary Government** | **Federal Government** | **Confederation Government** | | ***Compare*** |  |  |  | | ***Contrast*** |  |  |  | | |