

# Characteristics of Different Governments

Students will be able to compare three types of government (Autocracy, Oligarchy and Democracy)

TEKS: 1B, 2D, 6C, 13A, 14A-C, 15B,-C 17A, 18C, 21A-C 21F, 22A, 22C-D

Vocabulary: Democracy, Autocracy, Oligarchy, Totalitarian Dictator, Despot, Monarchy, Republic.

Materials needed: Types of Government Chart, internet resources, and textbook.

Teacher's Instructions:

1. Have students read through Chapter one, section three (pages 18-22) or other material related to the types of government.
2. If you have internet access, have students research the types of government on the web and then answer the questions. If internet access is not available to students, the teacher can download and print articles and documents that supplement the textbook.
3. After students have completed the chart, have the students compare one of government styles to democracy using a T-chart. This way they can see side by side the differences in the different styles.
4. The Comparison chart and T-chart then will be an easy reference guide for reviewing for exams.

# Types of Government

Listed below in the columns are different functions of government. Under each type of government list how that particular government style handles that function. Use the textbook and other resources to fill in an acceptable answer.

	Autocracy	Oligarchy	Democracy
Define			
Head of the Government			
Who controls the Military?			
What type of Legal System does the government have?			

What type of opinion do the citizens have about government issues?			
How does the government effect the culture of a country?			
How does the government deal with social issues like welfare, social security, etc?			
What are the benefits of particular government?			
What are the disadvantages of particular government?			