

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

TYPES OF GOVERNMENTS COMPARISON ASSIGNMENT NAME_____

Working with a partner, students will analyze and describe the form of government for five countries. The students will use the research to fill out the types of government form for each of the countries.

The five countries are:

1. the United States of America
2. Great Britain
3. Saudi Arabia
4. Syria
5. North Korea

They are due on Monday at the start of class. CIA Factbook and Wikipedia are examples of web pages that students will likely use to find their information. The assignment is worth 40 points and is recorded as part of your assessment grade. Both partners are expected to contribute equally to the assignment. Team members are also expected to work together on the assignment.

The United States of America

1. Type of Government(circle one): Direct Democracy, Republic, Constitutional Monarchy, Absolute Monarchy, Dictatorship/Authoritarian
2. How are leaders selected? Who is the current leader?
3. Are elections free and fair? Who has suffrage?
4. What political parties exist? Does the government limit the freedom of political parties?
5. What is the extent of the government's power? I.e. are they limited by law or do they have absolute power? How does the government ensure that that the people follow the will of the government? I.e. do they use force to ensure compliance or is it done voluntarily?
6. When was the current governmental system installed and how was it done – peacefully and democratically or by force?

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