



John the App Developer: Types of Government

Meet John

**Hi! I am John.
I am an app
developer.**



An app developer creates apps that people can use on their phones and tablets. Right now, I am creating an app for kids to use in school. The app is called "People in Power."



Developing a Wireframe

Today, I am creating a wireframe. A wireframe is a series of words and pictures that shows what an app will look like.

First, I am going to draw what the home page will look like. The home page will include buttons that people can click on.

Here are the buttons that will be on the home page:



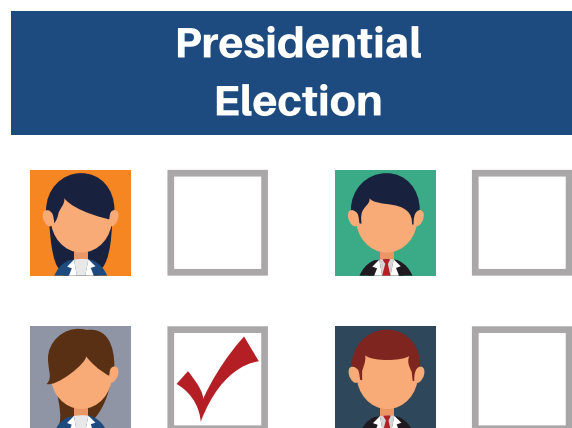
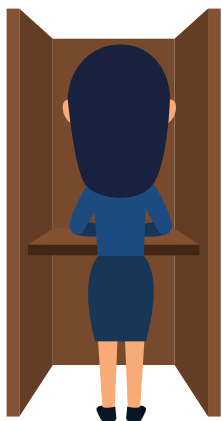
Background on Types of Governments

When people click on the button that says “Background on Types of Governments,” they can learn about three types of governments.

The first type of government they can learn about is called a democracy.

• Democracy •

A democracy is a type of government where citizens have power. This means that citizens can vote for who they want to be their leader. A democracy also has a set of rules that citizens and leaders must follow. For example, leaders must be elected by citizens. Leaders cannot decide they are in charge without going through an election.

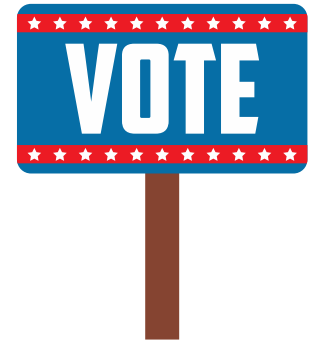


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What it is like living in a country with a democracy:

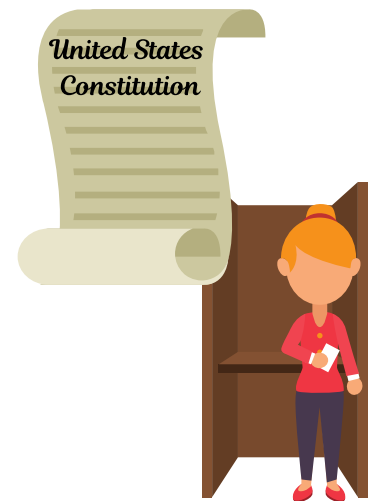
You can vote for your leader or get rid of your leader.

- You decide who you want your leaders to be. For example, you can vote for who you want to be President.
- You can also remove leaders if you believe they are not doing a good job.



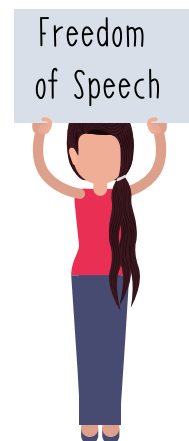
You have rights that are protected.

- Your rights cannot be taken away by any leader. For example, you cannot get in trouble for practicing a certain religion or for saying what you believe in.
- Your rights are protected under a set of rules. These rules must be followed by all citizens and leaders. For example, the U.S. Constitution says that women have the right to vote. A leader could not stop women from voting.



You have responsibilities.

- You have the responsibility to vote for who you want to be a leader. You also have the responsibility to stand up for what you believe in. If you think something is unfair, you should tell your elected leaders so that they can help.



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Examples of countries with democracies:

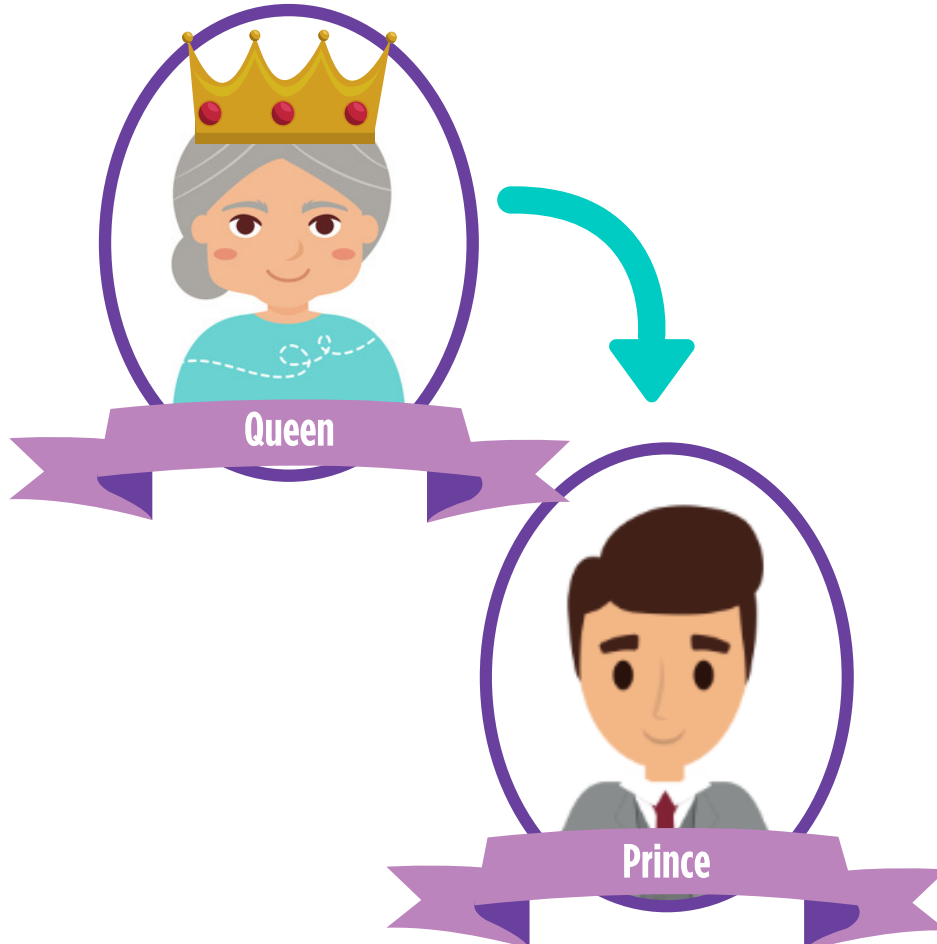


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The next type of government people can learn about is called a monarchy.

• Monarchy •

A monarchy is a type of government where a leader is given power by a royal family. In a monarchy, a leader is not elected. Instead, a leader is born into a family that already controls the government. Power is then passed down to the sons or daughters of the leader in charge.

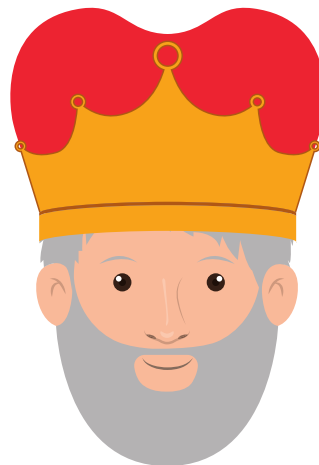


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What it is like living in a country with a monarchy:

You cannot vote for your leader or get rid of your leader.

- You have no choice about who your leader is. The leader is decided by the royal family.
- Your rights are controlled by the monarch. For example, a monarch can decide if people have to practice a certain religion. If people don't listen to the monarch, they can get in trouble.
- You can have the same leader for a long time.



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Examples of countries with monarchies:



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The last type of government people can learn about is called a dictatorship.

• Dictatorship •

A dictatorship is a type of government where one person rules. This person has absolute power! This person does not need to be elected to become the leader. A dictatorship also does not have a set of rules that citizens and leaders must follow. For example, a dictator can make up new laws and tell people to follow them.



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What it is like living in a country with a dictatorship:

You cannot vote for your leader or get rid of your leader.

- Dictators do not hold elections. They usually take power by force and using a military or soldiers.

You have to listen to the leader.

- You might think that a rule is unfair, but there is nothing you can do about it. For example, if you wanted to write a newspaper article on how you didn't like the dictator or didn't agree with a rule, you would get in trouble. You cannot say whatever you want in newspapers, books, or on television.

You can have the same leader for a long time.

- This is because dictators can be the leaders for as long as they want to.



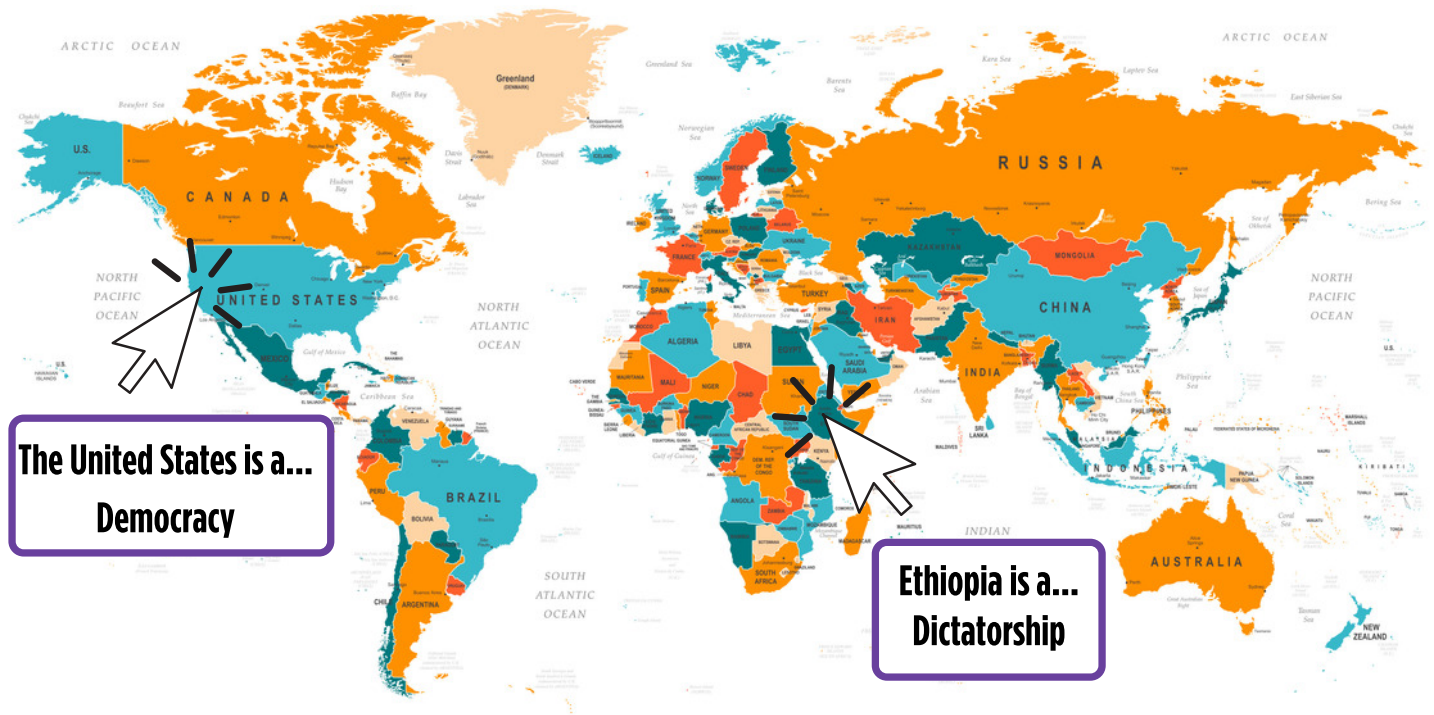
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Examples of countries with dictatorships:



Look at a Map

The next button on the homepage is a map. When people click on the button that says, “Look at a Map,” they can click on different countries and see what type of governments they have.



Ask a Question

The last button lets people ask questions. When people click on the button that says “Ask a Question,” they can type in a question they have about a government. Then, the app will send them an email response with the answer!



Ask a Question!

Your Email:

Type your question below, and we will send you an email with the answer!