

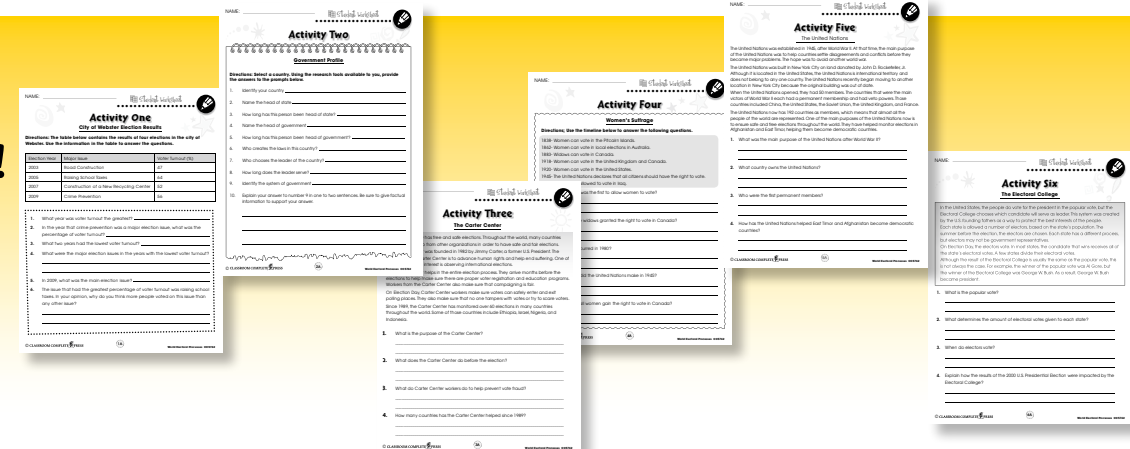
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Presidential System of Government

1. Write each word from the list next to the correct meaning. Use a dictionary to help you.

term	bill	cabinet
legislature	veto	

- a) A group of people that make laws _____
- b) The power of a president to stop a law _____
- c) The first draft of a law _____
- d) The president's group of advisors _____
- e) A period of time _____

2. Many governments follow the presidential system of government. List five countries that have presidents as their leaders. Use the resources in your classroom to help you.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____

3. Being president can be a challenge. Imagine you are the president of your country. Identify three issues you would address if you were president.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____



Presidential System of Government

The presidential system of government is a government ruled by a president who won a national election. The president is both the head of state and the head of the government.

The president is elected by the people in a free election. Each government has a fixed presidential term of several years. The most common term is four years. During this time, the president acts as a representative of the people who elected him when meeting with foreign representatives and making important decisions.

In most governments that use the presidential system, the president cannot introduce bills to the legislature. However, there is one exception. In Puerto Rico, the president can introduce a bill. This does not usually occur in other countries that follow the presidential system of government.

The president also cannot vote in the legislature on bills or other issues. If the president does not agree with a bill passed by the legislature, the president can veto the bill. When the president vetoes a bill, the bill is sent back to the legislature to be approved or not approved. If the bill does not receive enough support from the legislature at this point, the bill dies. If the bill does get enough support, it becomes a law.

Why does a president veto a bill?





Presidential System of Government

1. What are the two job titles used to describe the job of president?

2. Below are five jobs. Circle the three jobs of the vice-president.

- Attends ceremonial duties for the president
- Is the next in line should the president die
- Helps create laws
- Vetoes bills
- Advises the president

3. The president of Puerto Rico has a power that is different from the traditional role of president in other countries. Explain this difference. Your answer should be one to two complete sentences.

4. Do you believe this difference is in the best interest of Puerto Rico? Express your opinion in two to three sentences.



Dictator vs. Elected Leader Graphic Organizer

Directions: In the two outer columns, list the characteristics of each type of leadership. In the inner column, list the characteristics that are similar.

DICTATOR	SIMILARITIES	ELECTED LEADER



Crossword Puzzle!

WORD LIST

ancient	citizens	compulsory
democracy	denied	dictator
eligible	ensure	fluctuating
fraud	install	obsolete
reform	suffrage	veto

Across

- A government by the people
- Out of date
- The power of a president to stop a law
- Under command
- To change
- The right to vote
- Turned down
- Trickery
- Changing
- To set up
- A leader with absolute power
- Very old
- Qualified
- The people of a country

Down

Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words are written horizontally, vertically, diagonally, and some are even written backwards.

- | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| option | select | obsolete | bill |
| monarch | component | democracy | suffrage |
| fluctuating | election | install | veto |
| cast | dictator | fraud | denied |
| parliament | ensure | term | cabinet |
| reform | citizens | funding | enforce |
| medieval | military | execute | |



Comprehension Quiz

Part A

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Circle the word **TRUE** if the statement is TRUE or Circle the word **FALSE** if it is FALSE.

- The people elect the prime minister.
TRUE **FALSE**
- Technology can lead to electoral reform.
TRUE **FALSE**
- There are free and open elections in a dictatorship.
TRUE **FALSE**
- The ancient Romans were the first to vote.
TRUE **FALSE**
- Women have not always been allowed to vote.
TRUE **FALSE**

Part B

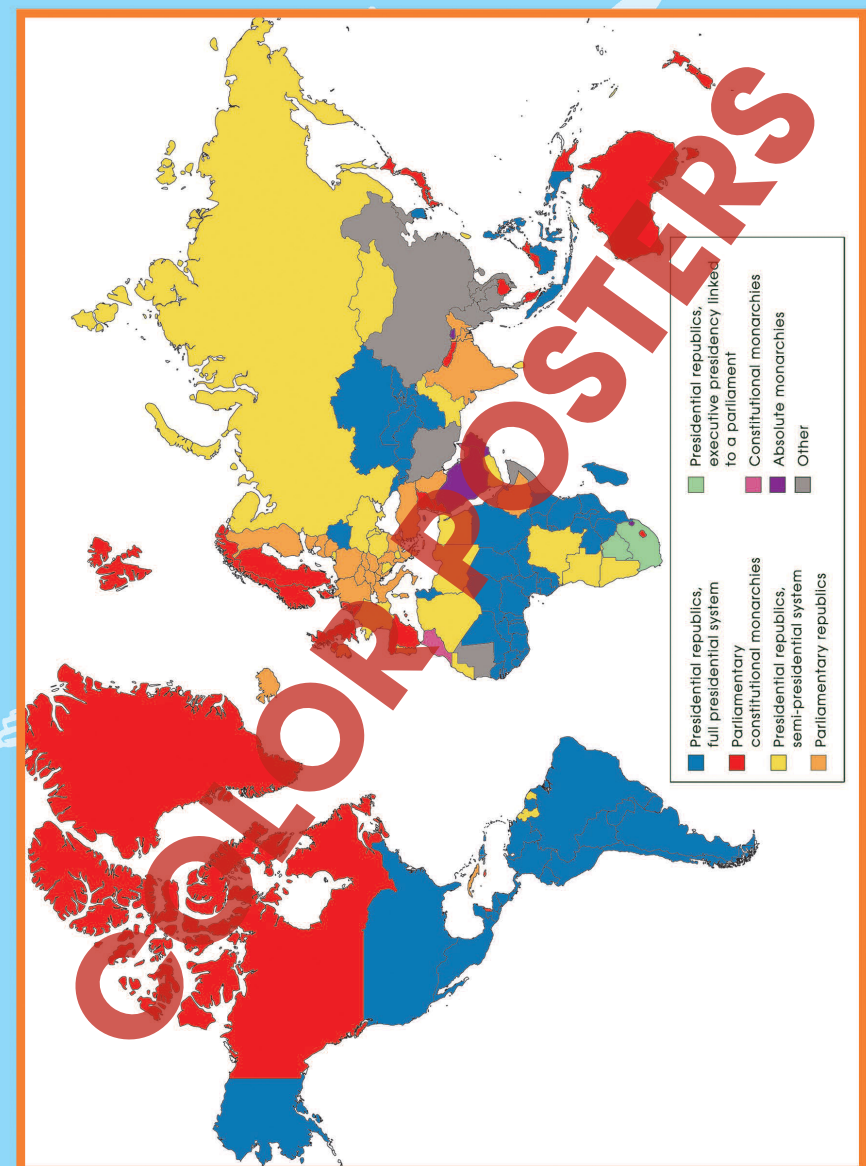
Match the term on the left with the correct definition on the right.

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1	Term	A	The power to stop a law
2	Veto	B	To change
3	Democracy	C	A period of time
4	Compulsory	D	A government by the people
5	Reform	E	Under command

SUBTOTAL: /10

Presidential & Parliamentary Systems



NAME: _____

After You Read 



Presidential System of Government

5. The vice-president has the power to break a tie in the Senate. The president does not have this power. Do you think the president has influence on the vice-president's decision? Explain your answer in two to three sentences.

6. The president has to share powers with the legislature in the presidential system. Predict what would happen if the president has total power and did not share power. What do you think would happen to the country? Your answer should be four to five complete sentences.

EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY

5.

Answers will vary.

6.

Answers will vary.

Crossword Puzzle!

