




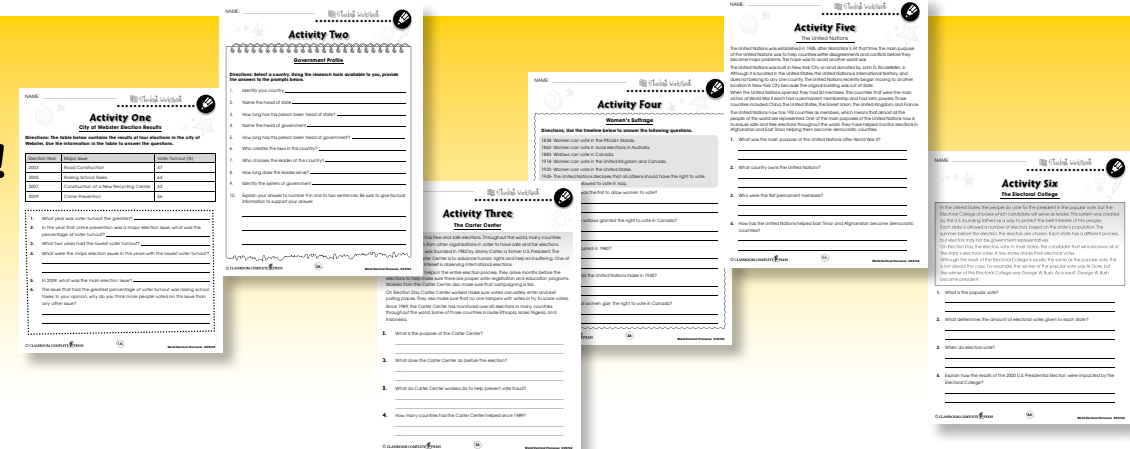


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A Dictatorship Government

1. Match each of the words below with the correct meaning. You may use a dictionary to help you.

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|---|--------------|-------|---|-------------------------------|
| a | dictator | _____ | A | to set up |
| b | military | _____ | B | Giving money to |
| c | colonization | _____ | C | The army |
| d | install | _____ | D | A ruler with absolute power |
| e | funding | _____ | E | Populating an area or country |

2. After World War II and during the Cold War, many countries in Latin America, Africa, and Asia became dictatorship governments. Provide two reasons why this might have happened.

- a) _____
- b) _____

3. Identify five countries that had dictatorship governments after World War II. You may use the resources in your classroom to help you.

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



A Dictatorship Government

A dictator is a ruler who has absolute power. A dictatorship government is ruled by a dictator.

Dictatorship governments are usually the result of military rule after a war or a conflict. They usually rise to power in an emergency situation where the people are eager for a leader. Dictators are often military leaders who were active leaders during the war or conflict.



Adolph Hitler 1889-1945

Dictatorship governments have been around for centuries. The Roman Republic had a position called Roman dictator. In times of trouble, these Roman dictators were given absolute power so that they could bring back order. However, men serving in this position had certain rules and laws that they were expected to follow.

Dictatorship governments changed over time. Dictators were no longer expected to follow the rules and laws of a government. Instead, dictators started to take complete power over a country.

After the end of World War II, many countries in Latin America, Asia, and Africa had dictatorship governments. This is because these countries had wars that ended European colonization. After fighting for their freedom, the military often installs a dictator so that one small group controlled by the military has all the power.

Why does the military install a dictator?

STOP



A Dictatorship Government

1. Read the five statements below. Circle the three statements that are true.

- There were a large number of dictatorships after World War II.
- Many dictators were former military leaders.
- There are open and free elections in dictatorship governments.
- Dictatorships allow the people to control their government.
- The dictator chooses the people who serve the government.

2. What was the purpose of the Roman dictator?

3. Explain in your own words why most dictators were military leaders. Your answer should be at least two to three sentences.

4. How has the role of a dictator changed over time? Your answer should be two to three complete sentences.



Writing Tasks

- Imagine that you could be the next leader of your country. What issues would be important to your voters. Write a speech, describing what you would do if you were given the power to lead your country.
- Is your country's government a dictatorship, or does it follow either the presidential or parliamentary system of government? Use specific examples from the text you have read to support your answer.
- Which form of government do you think best represents the citizens? Provide three examples that substantiate your opinion.
- Complete the "Dictator vs. Elected Leader" graphic organizer. In your essay, compare and contrast the two different types of leadership. Be sure to give examples from your reading and research in order to support your answer.
- Voter turnout is becoming a very large problem in the electoral process. What can be done to improve voter turnout? Create a plan that would help improve voter turnout in your area. Suggest three ideas to improve voter turnout and describe how these ideas can become reality.
- Select a prime minister, president, or dictator from the 20th century. Complete the "Biography Timeline" graphic organizer. Write a biography of this leader, including how the leader came into power and how their leadership was impacted by world events.



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
- To change
- Turned down
- Changing
- A leader with absolute power
- To make certain

Down

- Out of date
- Under command
- The right to vote
- Trickery
- To set up
- Very old
- Qualified
- The people of a country

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 | |

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| T | O | E | C | E | S | I | Q | A | C | E | R | C | U | V | A | C | X |
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| L | T | D | T | J | K | D | A | C | R | Y | R | L | U | D | Z | M | A |
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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

The Presidential System of Government

The head of government is elected by the people in a free election.

The head of government and legislature have separate powers.

The Presidential System of Government

The head of government serves a fixed term of office.

The head of government and the head of state are one person.

