



TYPES OF GOVERNMENT *NOTES*

Directions: As you watch Episode 2 of *On the Campaign Trail*, complete the guided notes. All of the statements are in the order that they appear in the video.

Abraham Lincoln probably described democracy best of all; he called it a government _____, _____, and _____ in the Gettysburg Address.

Democracy is a form of government in which the supreme power is vested _____ and exercised directly by them or, by their elected agents under a free electoral system.

So, strictly speaking we're a representative _____.

We elect other people to go to City Hall or Congress or the White House to _____ on our behalf.

Great Britain is a democracy too because the people there elect their _____.

Parliament leads the government, so the party that wins the most seats in government ends up being able to elect the _____ and that person essentially runs the country the way the President does here.

Some countries are autocracies, which means they're ruled by _____ who holds power absolutely.

It could be a king or a queen *or* a _____.

Oligarchies are nations where a _____ hold all of the power.

When you think about going to the polls to vote, and you'll be able to do that once you turn _____, remember that that is one of the most important and special _____ you could possibly have.



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Answer Key

Abraham Lincoln probably described democracy best of all; he called it a government **of the people, by the people, and for the people** in the Gettysburg Address.

Democracy is a form of government in which the supreme power is vested **in the people** and exercised directly by them or, by their elected agents under a free electoral system.

So, strictly speaking we're a representative **democracy**.

We elect other people to go to City Hall or Congress or the White House to **govern** on our behalf.

Great Britain is a democracy too because the people there elect their **representatives**.

Parliament leads the government, so the party that wins the most seats in government ends up being able to elect the **Prime Minister** and that person essentially runs the country the way the President does here.

Some countries are autocracies, which means they're ruled by **one person** who holds power absolutely.

It could be a king or a queen *or* a **dictator**.

Oligarchies are nations where a **small group of people** hold all of the power.

When you think about going to the polls to vote, and you'll be able to do that once you turn **18**, remember that that is one of the most important and special **privileges** you could possibly have.