**Types of Government**

**Anarchy-**A condition of lawlessness or political disorder due to an absence of government.

**Authoritarian-**Where government authority is imposed/forced onto most areas of citizen’s lives.

**Communist-**Elimination of private ownership; all goods are shared equally by the people; where the government plans and controls the economy. Often Authoritarian.

**Constitutional Monarchy-**Government run by a king or queen, but they are limited in their power due to a constitution.

**Democracy-**Form of government in which power rests in the hands of the citizens entitled to vote for their representation responsible for them.

**Dictatorship-**where on person, or very small group have total control and are not restricted by any rules or laws.

**Monarchy-**Form of government where a king, queen, or a prince(ss) has complete power which was inherited or passed through the blood line.

**Representative Government-**Type of government where the people vote for leaders to speak and stand up for their ideas/rights.

**Republic-**Government where the people’s elected representatives, not the people themselves, vote on legislation/laws.

**Theocracy-**form of government where a deity/god is recognized as the ruler and/or laws are influenced by a religion.

**Totalitarianism-**Form of government where the government its self controls all political and economic matters, but also the attitudes, values, and beliefs of their population.

**Other Government Terms**

**African Union (AU)-**Group of African nations (except Morocco and Madagascar) who’s focus is promote unity between all African nations and to work to help rid the continent of Africa of any major problems.

**European Union (EU)-**an economic and political alliance on the continent of Europe of 27countries.

**G-7 (Group of 7)-**Assembly of some the world’s most economically powerful countries in the world (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United States, and United Kingdom)

**Limited Power-**Where government has some restriction on their power.

**Nation-State-**Territory formed of citizen who share common culture, history, and government/laws.

**North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)-**Military alliance of 28 countries, mostly in Europe, but includes Canada, United States, and Turkey. They agree to defend each other if attacked by any group/country outside of the organization.

**Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)-**Group of 12 nations that are major oil producers and support each other to maintain prices of oil around the world (Iraq, Iran, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Venezuela, Algeria, Angola, Lybia, Qatar, United Arab Emirates)

**Political Scientists-**People who study the state of government and politics.

**Sanctions-**Penalties placed on a country.

**United Nations (UN)-**Collection of all the world’s countries (except Kosovo, Taiwan, and Vatican City) that were formed after World War II to: 1. Save future generations from war, 2. Promote Human Rights, and 3. Establish equal rights for all persons.

**Unlimited Power-**Government that has no restrictions and can act how they want, when they want, where they want due to no constitution or laws that limits their power.

**Alliance-**a friendship, or agreement made by two or more countries.