Social Studies Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Brown Hour: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Origins of Government**

Theories on the origin of governments:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ForceTheory | Believes governments started with the strongest person taking control by force | http://t2.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSv-NxlUtx0kydEUVhnchnt1TUzrRnpoCtIsI2Eqn0gu0MnoUv3-Q |
| Evolutionary Theory | Believes government structure started in the home, spread into the communities, and then wider into developing a country | http://t1.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQYjJskk5Nc-c0BwAyFyBY6503-PhyTUF5bZ4AT1HmravMFQMVEag |
| DivineRight Theory | Believes certain people thought they and their families were blessed and ordained by God as special and therefore should rule over others | http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSyV4WA3ETd9K6bhU86WQEgY2xHVjUNZ5nqNHzGVAgTHJA2tbSe |
| Social Contract Theory | Believes people give up certain selfish rights in order to do what is best for society by “contracting” with each other to be governed | http://t3.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRg0ysQ81-3hNh8bI2ZnNsKiTqj70W8aVByiQ4ch6I-65fG1HakxQ |

**Types of Government**

The type of government depends upon how power is divided, and how many (if any) limits are on the government.

|  |
| --- |
| **Governments can be classified into several types. Some of the more common types of governments are:** |
| 1. Democracy  |
| The word "democracy" literally means "rule by the people." In a democracy, the people govern directly. |
| 2. Republic  |   |
| A literal democracy is impossible in a political system containing more than a few people. All "democracies" are really republics. In a republic, the people elect representatives to make and enforce laws.  |
| 3. Monarchy  |
| A monarchy consists of rule by a king or queen. Sometimes a king is called an "emperor," especially if there is a large empire, such as China before 1911. There are no large monarchies today. The United Kingdom, which has a queen, is really a constitutional monarchy because the queen has virtually no political power.  |
| 4. Aristocracy  |
| An aristocracy is rule by the aristocrats. Aristocrats are typically wealthy, educated people. Many monarchies have really been ruled by aristocrats. Today, typically, the term "aristocracy" is used negatively to accuse a republic of being dominated by rich people, such as saying, "The United States has become an aristocracy."  |
| 5. Dictatorship  |
| A dictatorship consists of rule by one person or a group of people. Very few dictators admit they are dictators; they almost always claim to be leaders of democracies. The dictator may be one person, such as Castro in Cuba or Hitler in Germany, or a group of people, such as the Communist Party in China.  |
| 6. Democratic Republic  |   |
| Usually, a "democratic republic" is not democratic and is not a republic. A government that officially calls itself a "democratic republic" is usually a dictatorship. Communist dictatorships have been especially prone to use this term. For example, the official name of North Vietnam was "The Democratic Republic of Vietnam." China uses a variant, "The People's Republic of China."  |

Social Studies Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Brown Hour: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Origins of Government**

Theories on the origin of governments:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ForceTheory |  | http://t2.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSv-NxlUtx0kydEUVhnchnt1TUzrRnpoCtIsI2Eqn0gu0MnoUv3-Q |
|  | Believes government structure started in the home, spread into the communities, and then wider into developing a country | http://t1.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcQYjJskk5Nc-c0BwAyFyBY6503-PhyTUF5bZ4AT1HmravMFQMVEag |
| DivineRight Theory |  | http://t0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcSyV4WA3ETd9K6bhU86WQEgY2xHVjUNZ5nqNHzGVAgTHJA2tbSe |
|  | Believes people give up certain selfish rights in order to do what is best for society by “contracting” with each other to be governed | http://t3.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRg0ysQ81-3hNh8bI2ZnNsKiTqj70W8aVByiQ4ch6I-65fG1HakxQ |

**Types of Government**

The type of government depends upon how power is divided, and how many (if any) limits are on the government.

|  |
| --- |
| **Governments can be classified into several types. Some of the more common types of governments are:** |
| 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| The word "democracy" literally means "rule by the people." In a democracy, the people govern directly. |
| 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| A literal democracy is impossible in a political system containing more than a few people. All "democracies" are really republics. In a republic, the people elect representatives to make and enforce laws.  |
| 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| A monarchy consists of rule by a king or queen. Sometimes a king is called an "emperor," especially if there is a large empire, such as China before 1911. There are no large monarchies today. The United Kingdom, which has a queen, is really a constitutional monarchy because the queen has virtually no political power.  |
| 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| An aristocracy is rule by the aristocrats. Aristocrats are typically wealthy, educated people. Many monarchies have really been ruled by aristocrats. Today, typically, the term "aristocracy" is used negatively to accuse a republic of being dominated by rich people, such as saying, "The United States has become an aristocracy."  |
| 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |
| A dictatorship consists of rule by one person or a group of people. Very few dictators admit they are dictators; they almost always claim to be leaders of democracies. The dictator may be one person, such as Castro in Cuba or Hitler in Germany, or a group of people, such as the Communist Party in China.  |
| 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |   |
| Usually, a "democratic republic" is not democratic and is not a republic. A government that officially calls itself a "democratic republic" is usually a dictatorship. Communist dictatorships have been especially prone to use this term. For example, the official name of North Vietnam was "The Democratic Republic of Vietnam." China uses a variant, "The People's Republic of China."  |