

Social Studys

democratic government

when citizens have a say in decision making

non-democratic government

power is held by a single ruler or a small group

absolute monarchy

king or queen w/ unrestricted power

constitutional monarchy

king or queen w/out constitution

direct democracy

when citizens directly participate

representative democracy

citizens elect representatives to make the decisions

local

government in a specific city, town, village, etc

state

50 separate governments per U.S state

federal

government that oversees the whole US!

Branches

legislative

congress. (house of reps & senate)

↳ makes the laws

↳ can override president's veto

↳ can declare war

↳ can impeach president

executive

President & cabinet

↳ carries out laws

↳ propose laws

↳ veto laws

judicial

Supreme Court & lower courts

↳ 'interprets' laws

↳ declare acts unconstitutional