

Study Guide/Notes

Types of Governments:

Theocracy: Rule by God or God's representatives, or in the name of God

Monarchy: Rule by one person, a king or queen, with absolute power, authority is by divine right (God approves), and change of leadership is based on heredity

Democracy: Those who are governed vote on all issues and express opinions directly ("government by the people")

Republic: Democracy that uses representatives (Senate, House of Representatives, Parliament)

Anarchy: Absence of government; disorder; chaos; absolute freedom of the individual; No recognition of authority

To be actively involved in the democratic process, you might...

... Vote

... Run for office (be a candidate)

... Work for a candidate (to get him/her elected)

...volunteer

...give money

...put up yard sign

...knock on doors

... Contact your elected representatives

-- to express concerns

-- to express what you want for the country

-- to express your view on a particular issue

... Participate in non-violent protest, marches, or demonstrations, rallies

... Write letters to the editor with your position on an issue

... Sign a petition that will be given to a representative