

Types of Governments

Match each of the following definitions with a form of government on your study guide.

<u>Definition</u>	<u>Root Words</u>
a. rule by a single leader based on royal birth	one + rule
b. a government determined by the people	people + rule by
c. rule by a cruel, unjust leader who has total control	absolute ruler
d. the absence of any law or government	without + rule
e. a government determined by a small, privileged class of people	the best + rule by
f. a government ruled by a god or a government based on the rules of a religion.	god + rule by

Types of Governments Matching

Read each of the following examples of governments. Number 1-6 on a separate piece of paper. List the type of government that goes with each example. Explain why you choose that type of government for each number.

1. Kim Jong Un is the military and political leader of North Korea. He was not democratically elected, but holds his position by force. He strictly monitors what North Koreans do and say. Anyone who challenges him is thrown in jail.
2. When the Taliban controlled Afghanistan they based the laws of the nation on the teachings of Islam as written in the Koran and Sharia law. They strictly enforced rules on modest clothing and against adultery.
3. In the book *Lord of the Flies*, a plane full of English school boys are stranded on a remote island. They end up savagely turning on each other.
4. Medieval Germany had no single king, but a handful of wealthy landowning nobles controlled and enforced the laws.
5. The citizens of the United States vote for representatives who write the laws and for a president who enforces the laws.
6. Saudi Arabia is led by King Fahd ibn Abdel-Aziz Al Saud. He inherited the throne from his father. When he dies, his eldest son will become the new king.