

CHAPTER

# 7 Creating a Republic (1776-1790)



Vocabulary  
monarchy  
dictatorship  
democracy

## Vocabulary Development

After the American Revolution, the new nation struggled to establish a strong republic in which the citizens would rule themselves by electing representatives to run the government. A government in which the people rule themselves is called a democracy. What other types of government existed throughout the world?

monarchy: a government in which a king or queen has ruling power

dictatorship: a government with a ruler who has the power to give orders that must be obeyed

**Directions:** On the following word grid, place an X in the boxes of the features that describe each type of government.

|              | ruler has absolute power | voters elect officials | people who are governed have equal rights | ruler inherits its position | ruler is elected |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------|
| monarchy     |                          |                        |   |                             |                  |
| democracy    |                          |                        |   |                             |                  |
| dictatorship |                          |                        |   |                             |                  |

**Directions:** Answer the following questions on the lines provided.

1. How would a dictatorship respond to the concerns of the citizens?

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2. Describe two characteristics of a dictatorship.

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3. Which government could be described as representing its citizens?

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4. How would a democracy respond to the concerns of the citizens?

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5. Describe two characteristics of a monarchy.

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