Word Cards

9 power

the ability, strength, and capacity to do something



Example: By commanding the strongest army in the world, the emperor had the power to take over foreign lands and their inhabitants.

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10 authority

the right to use power to enforce rules or give orders



Example: Empires in Era 3 wielded power and authority in different ways.

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11 democracy

rule by the people or a government in which many people are able to participate

Example: The United States' government is a representative democracy.

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12 dictator

a ruler with absolute power

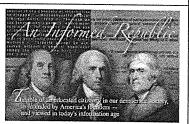


Example: Although Sulla was the dictator of Rome for only two years, he had total power for that time.

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13 republic

a government with elected leaders



Example: After the development of the United States Constitution, the U.S. became a republic.

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14 citizen

someone officially recognized as a full member of a nation or kingdom



Example: When the United States was first formed, Native Americans and African-Americans were not considered citizens.

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15 aristocracy

a government in which a few elite citizens rule and have power

Example: The members of the Roman Senate could be considered aristocracy.

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16 autocracy

a system of government in which all power is held by one person



Example: Rome became an autocracy when it turned into the Roman Empire and had an emperor.

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