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## Local Rebels vs. Central Crowns: A Grade 8 View of Global Power

Learners analyze how modern nations like Switzerland and Japan distribute authority while comparing the efficacy of power-sharing across diverse cultural landscapes.

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**1. In Switzerland's system of government, the 26 'cantons' hold significant power over their own education and police systems. This is an example of which concept?**

- A. Totalitarianism
- B. Federalism
- C. Unitary Governance
- D. Direct Monarchy

**2. Unlike a president who is elected separately from the legislature, a \_\_\_\_\_ is usually a member of the legislative branch and is chosen by its members.**

- A. Supreme Leader
- B. Governor General
- C. Prime Minister
- D. Executive Director

**3. In a unitary system, such as the one found in Japan, the central government has the power to create or abolish local administrative divisions.**

- A. True
- B. False

**4. Which of these features is a primary characteristic of a 'Constitutional Monarchy' like the one in Spain?**

- A. The monarch has absolute power over all laws
- B. The monarch's role is mostly ceremonial and limited by law
- C. There are no elections for any government office
- D. The monarch is also the head of the highest court

**5. A state where a small, elite group of people (such as military leaders or wealthy families) holds all the political power is known as an \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Anarchy
- B. Oligarchy
- C. Autocracy
- D. Theocracy

**6. Mexico and Australia both use a 'Federal' system. What is a common challenge these governments face that a 'Unitary' system might not?**

- A. Disputes over which level of government has the right to tax

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- B. The inability to hold national elections
- C. A lack of a central capital city
- D. The requirement that all citizens must move between states

**7. In a Presidential Democracy, the executive branch is part of the legislative branch to ensure they always agree.**

- A. True
- B. False

**8. Vatican City is an example of a Theocracy. How is leadership typically determined in this form of government?**

- A. Winning a popular vote of all citizens
- B. Inheriting the title from one's parents
- C. Selection by religious officials based on religious law
- D. Military coup

**9. When a country like Sweden provides extensive social services funded by taxes while maintaining a multi-party democracy, it is often categorized as a \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A. Communist State
- B. Absolute Monarchy
- C. Social Democracy
- D. Military Dictatorship

**10. The term 'Rule of Law' means that in a democracy, even the highest government officials must follow the law.**

- A. True
- B. False