

Name: _____ Date: _____

Answer Key: Your Global Power Map 7th Grade Quiz

Examine how nations like Mexico and Japan structure authority through systemic comparisons rather than just memorizing capital cities.

1. In Mexico's federal system, the power to govern is divided between the central government and 31 states. Which term best describes a system where a single central government holds all the power, such as in Japan?

Answer: B) Unitary system

A unitary system centralizes authority in the national government, which may delegate powers to local levels but maintains ultimate control.

2. While a President is the head of state and government in a Republic, a _____ serves as the ceremonial head of state in a constitutional monarchy like Norway.

Answer: C) Monarch

In a constitutional monarchy, the Monarch (King or Queen) typically holds ceremonial duties while elected officials handle governing.

3. In a parliamentary system, the executive branch is separate from the legislative branch and elected independently by the citizens.

Answer: B) False

In parliamentary systems, the executive (the Prime Minister and Cabinet) is actually part of the legislature and depends on its support.

4. Which of these features is a common characteristic of a 'One-Party State' such as Vietnam?

Answer: C) The constitution grants a single political party the right to rule

In a one-party system, the law or constitution ensures that only one political party has the authority to form the government.

5. The concept of "Separation of Powers" is most prominent in a _____ system, where the executive and legislative branches are distinct and check each other.

Answer: A) Presidential

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Presidential systems, like the one in South Korea, emphasize the independence of the executive branch from the legislature.

6. A Direct Democracy is more common in large modern nations than a Representative Democracy because it is easier to manage.

Answer: B) False

Representative democracy is more common because it is impractical for millions of people to vote on every single government decision directly.

7. In a Theocracy, such as the Vatican City, what is the primary source used to create laws and guide the government?

Answer: C) Religious doctrine

Theocracies are systems where the government is based on religious authority or divine guidance.

8. When comparing governments, we look at ____ to understand how much influence individual citizens have over their leaders.

Answer: B) Political Participation

Political participation measures the various ways people take part in the governing process, such as voting or protesting.

9. Australia has a system where power is shared between the national government and state governments, but they also have a King. This makes them a:

Answer: B) Federal Constitutional Monarchy

Australia shares power (Federal) and operates under a constitution that recognizes a monarch (Constitutional Monarchy).

10. In an Oligarchy, the power to rule is held by a small, elite group of people based on factors like wealth, family, or military rank.

Answer: A) True

Oligarchies are defined by 'rule by the few,' where a small segment of society exercises total or near-total control.