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How Would You Lead? 6th Grade Comparative Government Quiz

Imagine drafting a national constitution as you analyze how different power structures across Mexico, Japan, and Kenya shape the lives of their citizens.

1. In Mexico, the President serves as both the head of state and the head of government, similar to the United States. Which system of government does this describe?

- A. Parliamentary System
- B. Presidential System
- C. Absolute Monarchy
- D. Unitary State

2. True or False: In a federal system, like the one found in Australia, power is shared between a national government and smaller regional governments.

- A. True
- B. False

3. In Japan, while the Emperor is the ceremonial symbol of the state, the real political power is held by the Prime Minister and the Diet. This makes Japan a _____.

- A. Direct Democracy
- B. Absolute Monarchy
- C. Constitutional Monarchy
- D. Theocracy

4. Which of these best describes a 'Unitary' system of government, such as the one used in Norway?

- A. Power is concentrated in a single central government.
- B. The country is ruled by a religious leader.
- C. There are no written laws or constitutions.
- D. Individual states have more power than the central government.

5. Unlike a democracy where many parties compete, Cuba operates under a _____, where one specific group holds all political influence.

- A. Multi-party system
- B. Bicameral legislature
- C. Single-party system
- D. Confederation

6. True or False: In a Parliamentary system, the executive leader (Prime Minister) is typically chosen from within the legislative branch.

- A. True
- B. False

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7. Switzerland often uses 'referendums' where citizens vote directly on specific laws. This is an application of which concept?

- A. Authoritarianism
- B. Direct Democracy
- C. Oligarchy
- D. Totalitarianism

8. The government of Vatican City is led by the Pope based on religious principles. This form of government is known as a _____.

- A. Theocracy
- B. Republic
- C. Democracy
- D. Aristocracy

9. True or False: An authoritarian government typically allows for high levels of freedom of the press and frequent, competitive elections.

- A. True
- B. False

10. In Kenya, the government is structured into three branches: the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. This setup is designed to ensure:

- A. A single person makes all decisions.
- B. Separation of powers and checks and balances.
- C. The military has more power than the citizens.
- D. States can ignore national laws.