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Ruling the World: A 5th Grade Global Leader Challenge

Imagine you're a diplomat comparing how Japan, Switzerland, and Mexico make laws so you can help your own community thrive.

1. In a direct democracy like the Swiss 'Landsgemeinde' assembly, how do citizens participate in making laws?

- A. They vote for a king who makes all final decisions.
- B. They vote directly on specific laws in public meetings.
- C. They only watch the debates on television.
- D. A computer chooses the laws randomly for them.

2. In Japan's constitutional monarchy, the _____ is the head of state but has no powers related to government operations.

- A. President
- B. Prime Minister
- C. Emperor
- D. Governor

3. In a unitary system like the one used in Norway, the central national government has the power to create or abolish local government units.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Imagine a country where the leader is chosen from the political party that wins the most seats in the legislature. Which system does this describe?

- A. Absolute Monarchy
- B. Presidential System
- C. Direct Democracy
- D. Parliamentary System

5. Mexico is a _____ republic, meaning power is shared between the national government and several state governments.

- A. Unitary
- B. Federal
- C. Confederated
- D. Monarchical

6. In an absolute monarchy, the ruler's power is limited by a written constitution and a group of elected officials.

- A. True

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B. False

7. Which of these is a major difference between a President and a Prime Minister?

- A. A President is always a king, while a Prime Minister is elected.
- B. A President is usually elected separately from the legal-making body.
- C. Only Prime Ministers can lead an army during a war.
- D. Presidents are not allowed to meet with leaders of other countries.

8. A system where a small group of powerful people, such as wealthy land owners or military leaders, rule a country is called an _____.

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

9. In a 'Theocracy,' the legal system is based entirely on religious laws and beliefs.

- A. True
- B. False

10. If a country has a high level of 'Rule of Law,' what does that mean for the leaders?

- A. Leaders can change any law they want at any time.
- B. Leaders do not have to follow the laws they make for others.
- C. Even the most powerful leaders must obey the country's laws.
- D. The leaders are the only ones allowed to read the laws.