

SECTION 3 HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

3.4 Political Geography

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Section 3.4, in your textbook.

Reading and Note-Taking Describe Governments

As you read Section 3.4, use the sheet below to help you describe different types of government in your own words. Be sure to write down an example for each type.

1. Democracy: Citizens elect representatives and have many rights.

The United States is a democracy.

2. Monarchy: _____

3. Dictatorship: _____

4. Oligarchy: _____

5. Communism: _____

Name _____

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Analyze a Political Map

Many factors affect the type of government a country adopts. Some countries have had the same form of government for hundreds of years. Some adopted a new form after gaining independence or after overthrowing an existing government. Countries that had been colonies often adopt the government style of the country that once controlled them. In recent decades, many countries have adopted some form of representative democracy. Study the map of world governments at right. Then answer the questions.

1. Interpret Maps Which form of government is most common in the world?

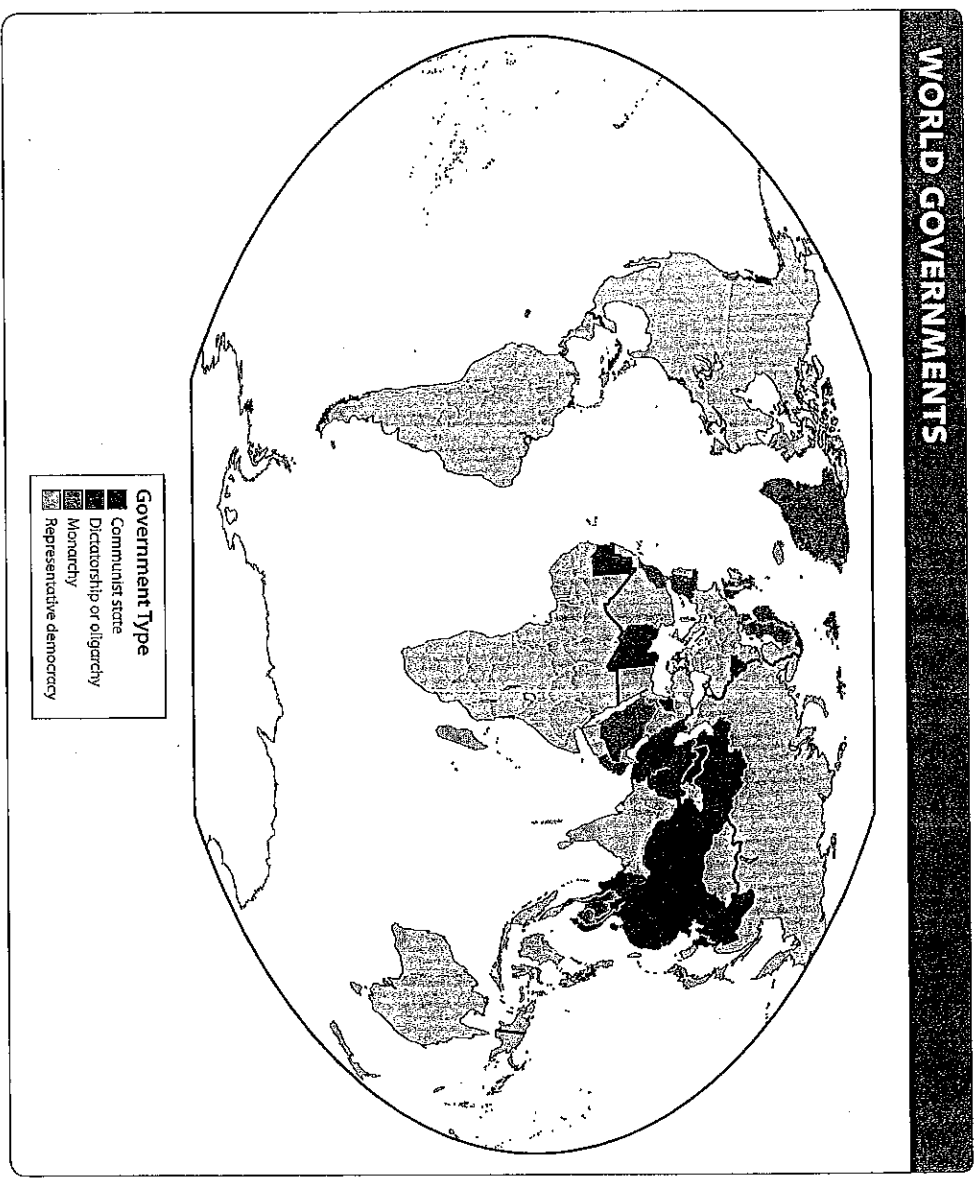
2. Interpret Maps What two regions are home to most of the Communist states?

3. Interpret Maps Russia and the Eurasian Republics once had Communist governments. What similar form of government is found in several of these countries now?

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WORLD GOVERNMENTS



4. Make Inferences Why might it be difficult for countries to move from Communist rule to a representative democracy?

