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|  | **Monarchy** | **Dictatorship** | **Democracy** | ***Similarities & Differences*** |
| **How the leaders come to power** | * King or queen gains the throne out of heritage
* Monarchy takes over the country by force
* Often a leader for life
 | * The dictator usually takes power through coercion or force
* Often leader is for life
 | * Leaders are elected by the people, some times influenced by others.
* The leader doesn’t have total power.
* May be voted out of office
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| **The reaction of the people** | * Throughout history are examples of monarchs loved by the people,
* Yet some were hated by certain persecuted groups
 | * Often in history the dictator is hated or feared by most people
 | * People are often split on their reactions but accept the elected leader
* Knowing they can try to elect a new one before too long
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| **The role of the people** | * People are generally expected to obey the rule of the monarch
* Monarch holds power and can change laws
* Can become like dictators
 | * People MUST obey the dictator
* Often there are serious consequences to not being loyal
 | * Generally the people are seen to have power through their votes
* If they don’t like what’s happening, they can elect new leaders
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