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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 |  |
| **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 |  |
| **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 |  |