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Systems of Government

Term	Definition
Government	An organized system that makes and enforces laws and decisions for a society or community.
Democracy	A system of government where the people have the power to make decisions, often by voting.
Dictatorship	A system of government where one leader holds absolute power, often without input from citizens.
Monarchy	A system of government led by a king, queen, or emperor, which can be absolute or constitutional.
Republic	A system of government in which the country is considered a "public matter" and officials are elected by citizens.
Theocracy	A system of government where religious leaders rule in the name of a god or a higher power.
Charter of Rights and Freedoms	A part of Canada's Constitution that guarantees fundamental rights and freedoms to all Canadians.
Citizen	A legal member of a country who has rights, responsibilities, and the ability to participate in government.

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Representation	When elected officials speak or act on behalf of a group of people in government.
Electoral Process	The steps through which people vote to choose leaders or make decisions on laws and policies.
Prime Minister	The head of the federal government in Canada, chosen by the ruling political party.
Member of Parliament (MP)	An elected representative who speaks in Canada's House of Commons and represents a specific area.
Indigenous Governance	Traditional and modern systems of government used by Indigenous peoples, based on cultural values and laws.
NGO (Non-Governmental Organization)	A group that works independently of government to address social, environmental, or political issues.
Civic Action	Steps taken by individuals or groups to address issues in their community, such as writing letters, starting campaigns, or volunteering.
Stakeholder	A person or group that has an interest or concern in decision or issue because it affects them.