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Government in the Middle East

**A. Saudi Arabia’s Absolute Monarchy-Background**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_control of all rules and parts of government.

2. Kings are granted their right to rule from being a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ born to a previous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ allowed).

3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(men) can be used as an advisory board, however this is not common.

 ~Usually only One ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ‘ like a brother or uncle

4. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_for the land.

 ~Often has proven to be outdated due to ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_issues (texting, phone lines)

**B. Saudi Arabia’s Absolute Monarchy-The Bad**

5. Past Kings have led Saudi Arabia into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_turmoil due to their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ decisions.

6. The Government doesn't allow for ­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out against leadership.

 ~Rarely any change due to sever punishments for ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Saudi Arabia held its first ever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 ~Only \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hand picked by King could run

 ~No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ allowed

~Must be in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_business (to keep finances under control)

 ~More than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_did not have anyone running against them

**Saudi Arabia’s Absolute Monarchy-The Good**

8. Saudi Arabia has the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Middle East.

9. Their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the world.

10. They spend as much on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as they do on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ energy and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ protection.

11. Per Capita, they have one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ standards of living in the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

12. The current King does listen to his people and seeks to find a common ground for ­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

13. Saudi Arabia does not allow for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ groups or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ systems.

**Iran’s Theocracy-Background**

1. Government is technically called ‘\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Republic of Iran’.

2. Current government gained control in\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Leader is known as the Grand Ayatollah, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and he is head of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

~Chosen by a large ‘Assembly of Experts’ who nominate ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ members of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 ~He interprets the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to make and implement law

**Iran’s Theocracy-How It Works**

4. The Supreme Leader has the final say, but all decisions go through the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. Smaller committees are made when they have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ agree, much like our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ today

6. Supreme Leader can write laws, but ­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ must approve.

7. Supreme Leader can control the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ within \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 ~Assembly must agree to terms if Army will be used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or with other countries

8. Supreme Leader allows for ­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but they loose all government/court support if not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

THINKING OUT LOUD:

The King of Saudi Arabia has stood firm on the belief that his people cannot govern themselves because if they were given the chance, they would only vote and implement things that they ‘want’ as individuals instead of thinking of the country as a whole. The King currently guarantees that people will be economically prosperous and have basic civil rights if he is allowed to continue governing. Do you believe this ideology is beneficial or harmful to the Saudi people? Support your answer with well-rounded arguments.

Government in the Middle East

Saudi Arabia’s Absolute Monarchy-Background

1. The King has total control of all rules and parts of government.

2. Kings are granted their right to rule from being a Son born to a previous King (no women allowed).

3. The Royal Family (men) can be used as an advisory board, however this is not common.

 ~Usually only One ‘go to guy’ like a brother or uncle

4. The Quran is the constitution for the land.

 ~Often has proven to be outdated due to modern issues (texting, phone lines)

Saudi Arabia’s Absolute Monarchy-The Bad

5. Past Kings have led Saudi Arabia into financial and civil turmoil due to their one sided decisions.

6. The Government doesn't allow for protesting or speaking out against leadership.

 ~Rarely any change due to sever punishments for ‘treachery’

7. In 2005 Saudi Arabia held its first ever public elections.

 ~Only Men hand picked by King could run

 ~No political parties allowed

 ~Must be in the Oil or banking business (to keep finances under control)

 ~96% of them were related to the Royal family in some way

 ~More than half did not have anyone running against them

Saudi Arabia’s Absolute Monarchy-The Good

8. Saudi Arabia has the lowest crime rate of the Middle East.

9. Their Economy is one of the highest in the world.

10. They spend as much on oil production as they do on renewable energy and environmental protection.

11. Per Capita, they have one of the highest standards of living in the world.

12. The current King does listen to his people and seeks to find a common ground for Islamic Modesty in a Modern world.

13. Saudi Arabia does not allow for extremists groups or class systems.

Iran’s Theocracy-Background

1. Government is technically called ‘Islamic Republic of Iran’.

2. Current government gained control in 1979.

3. Leader is known as the Grand Ayatollah, or Supreme Leader, and he is head of the Religion.

 ~Chosen by a large ‘Assembly of Experts’ who nominate outstanding members of the Islamic Faith.

 ~He interprets the Quran to make and implement law

Iran’s Theocracy-How It Works

4. The Supreme Leader has the final say, but all decisions go through the Assembly.

5. Smaller committees are made when they have ties or can not agree, much like our Congress today

6. Supreme Leader can write laws, but assembly must approve.

7. Supreme Leader can control the Army within borders.

 ~Assembly must agree to terms if Army will be used outside of Iran or with other countries

8. Supreme Leader allows for freedom of Religion for Jews and Christians, but they loose all government/court support if not Muslim.