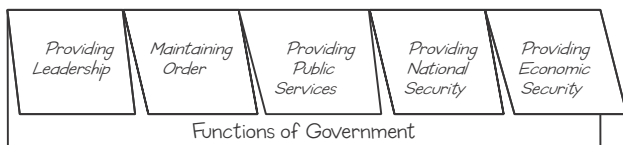


Foundations of Government

Topic Summary

Around the world, people live under a variety of governments. Government exists primarily to provide leadership, maintain order, provide public services, provide national security, and provide economic security. There are three main systems of government: unitary, confederate, and federal. Finally, governments can be further classified by their economic systems—capitalism, socialism, or communism.

Summarizing the Purposes of Government

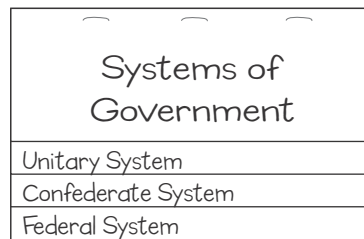


📖 Five-Tab Book

Have students prepare a Five-Tab Foldable as a way of summarizing the major purposes of government. The five tabs will be labeled as follows: *Providing Leadership*, *Maintaining Order*, *Providing Public Services*, *Providing National Security*, and *Providing Economic Security*. Under each of the “doors,” students should record examples from the text of the ways in which government accomplishes each task.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 11" × 17" paper, scissors.

Evaluating the Main Systems of Government



📖 Layered Book

Students can evaluate the three main systems of government—unitary, confederation, and federal—by creating a Layered Book. Students should define each system of government, give examples of countries with that government, and evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each type.

Materials Needed: two sheets of 8.5" × 11" paper, stapler or glue.

Analyzing Economic Systems

Economic Systems	History	Economic Decisions
Capitalism		
Mixed Economy		
Socialism		
Communism		

📄 Folded Table

In order to better understand the four major economic systems, have students make a Folded Table. For each type of economic system—capitalism, mixed economy, socialism, and communism—students should note the history of each system in the first column and characteristics of each in the second column.

Materials Needed: one sheet of 11" × 17" paper.