

Guided Reading Activity

The Human World

Lesson 3 *Political Geography*

Review Questions

Directions: Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

A. Main Idea: A government makes and enforces policies and laws that apply to all people living in its territory. The government of each country has unique characteristics, but there are general similarities in how governments are organized.

- 1. Detail:** A _____ of government gives all key powers to the national, or central, government.
- 2. Detail:** A _____ of government divides the powers of government between the national government and state or provincial governments. Each level has unique power in some areas.
- 3. Detail:** A government in which power to rule belongs to a single person is an _____. Forms of this government include a _____, in which the decisions are made by a single leader, and a _____, in which a king or queen exercises supreme powers of government.
- 4. Detail:** An _____ is a system of government in which power is held by a small group. A _____ is a type of this government where officials are believed to be divinely inspired.
- 5. Detail:** A _____ is a system of government in which leaders rule by the consent of the citizens; the people hold the sovereign power.

B. Main Idea: A country's geography can influence its form of government.

- 1. Detail:** A _____ follows physical geographic features such as mountains or rivers.
- 2. Detail:** Britain's partition of India and Pakistan is an example of a _____, which separates areas with cultural differences.
- 3. Detail:** A _____ often follows straight lines and does not take into account natural or cultural features.
- 4. Detail:** _____, or borders, may change as a result of wars or disputes.

