

## 2 | Power and Forms of Government

### Study Guide

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete each item as you read Chapter 1 (pages 7–15).

1. What four main groups of elites have political scientists identified? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. The distribution of political power can be analyzed in terms of its \_\_\_\_\_ location, its distribution between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ branches, and by the \_\_\_\_\_ of people who participate.
3. Governments that concentrate power in one geographic location are said to have a \_\_\_\_\_ system of government.
4. Virtually all modern governments have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ branch responsible for making laws and a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ branch responsible for executing laws.
5. According to Aristotle, the three major categories of government, according to the number of elites, are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The type of democracy that exists in the United States is a \_\_\_\_\_.

### Vocabulary

Read each description, and write the letter of the correct term on the line.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Form of government in a single unit that holds all the power
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Form of government in which power is divided between a central government and regional governments
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Form of government in which the leaders are chosen by and responsible to the legislature
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Form of government in which legislative and executive power are separate
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Political system marked by a weak central government and powerful states
6. \_\_\_\_\_ System of government in which the people exercise power

- a confederation
- b democracy
- c federal government
- d parliamentary government
- e presidential government
- f unitary government