**Tables of Types of Government**

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| Types of Government: Ruled by One, a Few, and All |  |  |
| **Kind of Government** | **Definition** |  |
| Democracy | Example: Ancient Athens A system of government where the people rule. |  |
| Representative Democracy (A Republic) | Example: United States A democracy where the people elect representatives to rule for them. |  |
| Constitutional Monarchy (Mahn-ar-key) | Example: England A monarchy where the monarch is a figurehead. The country is ruled through elected Parliament Members. This monarchy also has a constitution. |  |
| Monarchy | Example: Ancient Egypt A system of government in which a king/queen/emperor etc. is the sole and absolute ruler. The right to rule was *usually* passed down to the eldest son, from the current monarch, when he/she died. |  |
| Oligarchy (All-ih-gahr-key) | Example: Ancient Sparta A system of government in which a few people rule. |  |
| Aristocracy (Air-ihst-ock-rah-see) | Example: Ancient Thebes, Greece A system of government in which a few people rule, usually the richest and higher class. The right to rule was passed down within the family. |  |