Name Hour Date

Create Your Own Society

1. Take political spectrum quiz to determine stance. Save copy on H-drive.

Take a screenshot.

<http://www.gotoquiz.com/politics/political-spectrum-quiz.html>

1. Find a partner who has same political stance.
2. Choose type of government (handout)
3. Come up with the following that matches your political spectrum:

country name motto

15 reasonable laws 15 reasonable consequences

10 citizen rights country flag

voting system # of political parties

kind of government system ways laws are passed

who passes the laws who makes sure laws are followed

who hears citizen complaints term limits for officials or rulers

companies < or > workers laws same across nation or vary by state

technology privacy or open info foreign policy: aggressive or peaceful

1. Censorship. Choose 5-10 acts your government is most likely to execute.

<http://www.google.com/transparencyreport/governmentrequests/>

1. Fix the budget. Your country will have same debt situation, population, and GNP as U.S. Take screenshots.

<http://www.marketplace.org/topics/economy/budget-hero>

<http://www.nathannewman.org/nbs/longbudget06.html>

1. Individually write two paragraphs.

First, write the wrongs of this country. What are the chances of revolution?

Second, write how your country will improve conditions. Keep in mind that the stricter the laws, the more control you have, but that combined with very unfair laws make revolution more likely. How will your country prevent revolution while also staying in power?

**Economy:** system of goods and services that are bought, sold, and used.

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| Capitalism  (Russia) | Socialism  (Norway) | Communism  (Cuba) |
| In a capitalist or free-market economy, people  own their own businesses and property and must buy services for private use, such as healthcare. | Socialist governments own many of the larger industries and provide education, health and welfare services while allowing citizens some economic choices | In a communist country, the government owns all businesses and farms and provides its people's healthcare, education and welfare. |

**Politics:** system for how the government is run.

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| Dictatorship  (Syria) | Rule by a single leader who has not been elected and may use force to keep control. In a military dictatorship, the army is in control. Usually, there is little or no attention to public opinion or individual rights. |
| Totalitarian  (China) | Rule by a single political party. People are forced to do what the government tells them and may also be prevented from leaving the country. |
| Theocracy  (Iran) | A form of government where the rulers claim to be ruling on behalf of a set of religious ideas, or as direct agents of a deity. |
| Monarchy  (Jordan) | A monarchy has a king or queen, who sometimes has absolute power. Power is passed along through the family |
| Parliamentary  (Israel) | A parliamentary system is led by representatives of the people. Each is chosen as a member of a political party and remains in power as long as his/her party does |
| Republic  (USA) | A republic is led by representatives of the voters. Each is individually chosen for a set period of time. |
| Anarchy | Anarchy is a situation where there is no government.   This can happen after a civil war in a country, when a government has been destroyed and rival groups are fighting to take its place. |