Democracy

and

Dictatorship

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Dictatorship Democracy

What is a democracy?

•government by the people*

•a form of government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised directly by them or by their elected agents under a free electoral system. *

•The United States has a democratic form of government.*





The leader is called a president, and he/she DOES NOT have all the power.

Laws are made by elected bodies of citizens, and elections are free and open to anyone over the age of 18 that has registered to vote.

- There is a time limit on the leader.
- •The President of the US can only serve for two 4-year terms.

The military is here to serve and protect the people.



Citizens that live in a democracy are guaranteed certain freedoms such as freedom of religion.

- Decisions made must be approved by a majority of voters.
- The President can not make decisions alone.

What is a dictatorship?

A country, government, or the form of government in which absolute (complete) power is exercised by a dictator.*

•Germany was ruled by a dictator during World War II.

·His name was Adolf Hitler.



Government leaders in a dictatorship may force their way into leadership.*

•All the power is held by a committee, group, or the individual.



•All laws and rules are made by the dictator.

There is no time limit on the ruler.

Dictators can rule until they are overthrown or they die.

The military is used to keep citizens under control.



•Citizens are denied basic freedoms, and may not even have freedom of speech.