

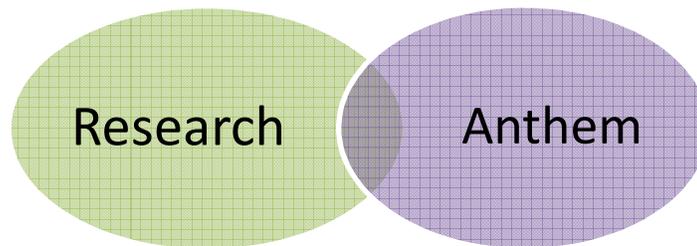
Exploring Government and Political Systems

Lesson Summary

Students will explore various forms of government and political systems and select one which they would like to explore in-depth (students may work alone or in self-selected groups with a maximum of three). Given a list of several forms of government, they will briefly define each, then choose the one that they will study further (no repeated topics; first come, first served). When their information gathering is complete, they will present their findings to the class in the form of a Venn Diagram that compares and contrasts their researched topic to the government system in Anthem.

Venn Diagram

(sample)



Rubric

Criteria	Excellent	Acceptable	Weak
Definitions	Accurate, brief but complete, important points covered	Accurate, brief, clear understanding demonstrated	Inaccurate, incomplete, unclear, missing major points
In-Depth Research and <i>Anthem</i> Information	Accurate, complete, specific examples and details, in-depth for research and novel	Accurate, complete, specific examples or details, some depth in research and novel	Inaccurate, incomplete, few or no examples and/or details, lacks depth
Venn Diagram	Similarities and differences clearly and correctly placed, multiple similarities and differences, excellent examples or details	Similarities & differences correctly placed, several examples of each	Lacks depth, few specifics, similarities and/or differences incorrectly placed
Presentation	Diagram clearly visible and attractive, effective presentation of information	Diagram visible and neat, clear presentation of information	Diagram is not clearly visible, sloppy, unclear or incomplete coverage of information

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS

Now that we are nearing the end of the novel, you have undoubtedly noticed how important the role of the government is in Equality's life. In order to further understand the role of the government in society and in the formation of individual identity, let's investigate some forms of political systems and how they compare to the one portrayed in *Anthem*.

- Write a brief definition for each of the following forms of government and political systems. You may write your definitions on this sheet. Use the back if you need more space.
- Choose one that you would like to research in more depth (no topic repeats; first come, first served). You may work alone or in groups of no more than three people.
- Using your researched information and what you have read in *Anthem*, compare and contrast the political system that you've researched with government in the novel; include similarities and differences.
- You will present your Venn Diagram to the class, so make sure it will be visible to the entire class and that you can explain it well.

1. Anarchy
2. Aristocracy
3. Authoritarianism
4. Communism
5. Democracy
6. Despotism
7. Dictatorship
8. Monarchy
9. Oligarchy
10. Plutocracy
11. Republic
12. Socialism
13. Sultanate
14. Theocracy
15. Totalitarianism
16. Tribe