

Section 1: Guided Reading and Review
Government and the State



A. As You Read

As you read Section 1, fill in the answers to the following questions.

1. What are the four characteristics of a state?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
2. What are the four theories of the origins of a state?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
3. What are six purposes of the American system of government?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Define the following terms. Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper.

4. government
5. public policy
6. legislative power
7. executive power
8. judicial power
9. constitution
10. dictatorship
11. democracy
12. state
13. sovereign



Section 2: Guided Reading and Review

Forms of Government

A. As You Read

Use the chart below to compare the democratic form of government to the dictatorship form of government.

	Democracy	Dictatorship
Sovereign power is held by:	1.	2.
Those who rule are responsible to:	3.	4.
Power is gained by:	5.	6.

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Match the descriptions in Column I with the terms in Column II. Write the correct letter in each blank.

Column I

- _____ 7. a government in which a single person holds unlimited power
- _____ 8. a government in which the executive and legislative branches are separate and coequal
- _____ 9. a government in which power is divided between a central government and other local governments
- _____ 10. a government in which a small, usually self-appointed, group has the power to rule
- _____ 11. a government in which all power belongs to a central agency
- _____ 12. an alliance of independent states
- _____ 13. structuring a government so that power is shared by a central and several local governments
- _____ 14. a government in which members of the executive branch are also members of the legislative branch and are subject to the legislature's direct control

Column II

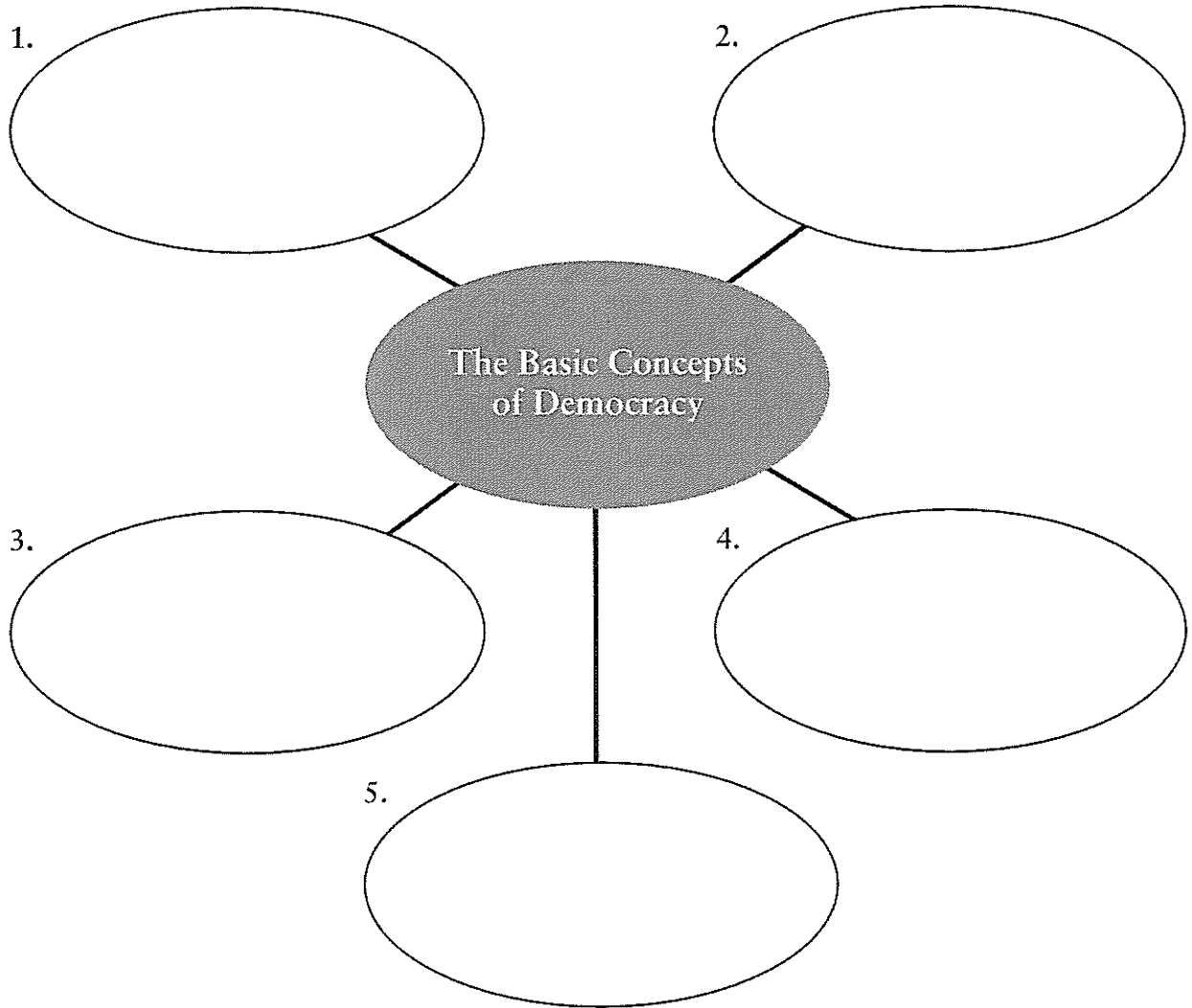
- a. unitary government
- b. federal government
- c. confederation
- d. presidential government
- e. parliamentary government
- f. division of powers
- g. oligarchy
- h. autocracy

Section 3: Guided Reading and Review
Basic Concepts of Democracy



A. As You Read

On the chart below, write the five basic concepts of democracy and write a sentence describing each.



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B. Reviewing Key Terms

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

6. Explain the significance of the term *compromise* as it relates to problem-solving in a democratic society.
7. What are the four factors underlying the free enterprise system?
8. How does the law of supply and demand operate?
9. What is a mixed economy?

