

The World Today



Using a search platform, choose from the countries in the choice box. (Some will not be monarchies so be careful) Investigate two modern-day absolute and two modern-day constitutional monarchies. Once you've located the correct countries, fill in the chart with the information requested.

	Country 1	Country 2	Country 3	Country 4
Country Name				
Type of Monarchy				
Leader of Country				
Length of Time on Throne				
Amount of Power				

To Think about...



What were the possible causes of Britain moving from being an Absolute Monarchy to a Constitutional one?

We continue to live in a constitutional monarchy in the UK. The last Constitutional Monarchy in France failed. Why did it fail?

The Changing Power of Monarchs.....



Absolute Monarchy

.....is a form of government where one person, (a king or queen) holds power. We call this ruler a monarch. The monarch had total control over the country. Their power is unlimited. Absolute monarchy was a form of government popular during medieval England and until about the 18th century. The system of **feudalism**, further empowered the absolute monarch.

The king or queen usually receive their position because they are born into a royal family as an heir. The medieval English belief that kings derived their power from God, further empowered the monarch. Although no longer present in Europe, it still exists in some modern countries like the Sultanate of Oman, the State of Qatar, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the Nation of Brunei.

Constitutional Monarchy

.....is a form of government in which a country is ruled by a monarch whose power is limited by a constitution (a written or unwritten set of rules). The monarch is a purely ceremonial ruler. A constitutional monarchy typically has a government which exercises the real power in the country.

The government is headed by a Prime Minister. The United Kingdom, Japan, Canada, Sweden, Belgium, Cambodia, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Jordan, and Thailand are examples of constitutional monarchies.



