

## Sample Answers Comparing Systems of Government

### Directions:

1. After reading and marking the “Distribution of Power” reading, enter the sentences or phrases you found from the text to define each term into the boxes below.
2. Use the evidence you found from each reading and create your own definition of each system of government.
3. Create a visual representation of each system of government.

	FEDERAL	UNITARY	CONFEDERAL
<b>Distribution of Power Reading</b>	A federal system of government exists when power is “layered” or shared among different levels. There is a central government... There are also state governments	With a unitary system, government power is held at the center, and the central, or national, government performs all of the governmental functions	Loosely allied independent states sometimes join together to create a type of central government known as a confederation, in which the central government exists only at the pleasure of the sovereign members.
<b>Your Definition</b>	A federal system shares power between a central government and states.	A unitary system is where almost all power is located with the central government.	A confederal system is where power is located with the independent states, and there is little power in the central government.
<b>Visual</b> Draw a picture or symbol that represents how power is distributed in the system of government.			