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Government Alive! Chapter 2 – **Comparing Forms of Government**

**Directions:**  Using chapter 2 (pgs. 19-27) in the Government Alive! textbook, complete the following steps and answer the corresponding questions to learn more about the history, function, and characteristics of the various forms of government that exist throughout the world.

**Step One**: Read 2.1 (pgs. 19-20)

1. Name three differences between Switzerland and East Timor:
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2. What form of government do both of these countries use? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Step Two**: Read 2.2 (pgs. 20-24)

1. Explain how **water** played an important role in the development of organized city-states (governments):

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1. Summarize Pericles’ (an Athenian leader) explanation of a democracy:

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1. Describe how Rome became a **republic**:

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1. Define *feudalism*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What is a *constitutional monarchy*? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. What type of democracy was Lincoln describing when he talked about a “*government of the people, by the people, for the people*”?

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1. Describe how the French leader Napoleon Bonaparte was like a **totalitarian**:

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1. Fill-in the chart below with key information about the three types of **totalitarian** governments:

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| **Type of Government** | **Key Characteristics** |
| **Communism**  Example: the Soviet Union under Joseph Stalin (1922-1953) |  |
| **Fascism**  Example: Italy under Benito Mussolini (1922-1943) |  |
| **Nazism**  Example: Germany under Adolf Hitler (1933-1945) |  |

**Step Three**: Look at the graphic on pg. 29

1. What is the difference between a *presidential democracy* and a *parliamentary democracy*?

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**Step Four**: Read the first part of section 2.5 (pg. 31 only)

**Step Five**: Look at the graphic organizer on pg. 34

1. Fill-in the chart below to organize the key information about the two types of **economies**:

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|  | **Market Economy** | **Command Economy** |
| Key Features |  |  |
| Advantages |  |  |
| Disadvantages |  |  |

**Step Six**: Look at the map on pgs. 26-27

*If needed*, *use the World Political Map on pgs. 407-408 in the textbook and/or grab an atlas underneath the windowsill to help you answer any of the questions in this section.*

1. Using the key on the left, identify the forms of government used on each CONTINENT by filling the chart below.

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| **Continent** | **Form(s) of Government (list all that apply)** |
| North America |  |
| South America |  |
| Europe |  |
| Africa |  |
| Asia |  |
| Oceania (Australia) |  |

1. Which country in western Europe uses the same form of government as the United States?

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1. Which continent has the greatest variety in the forms of government used? Why do you think that is?

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1. As of 2007, which countries were considered “transitional” or “unstable”? Why do you think that is?

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