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**Political Systems of Europe**

Study Guide

1. Complete the chart below with definitions, country examples, and a symbol to help you remember the different government terms.

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| **Term** | **Definition** | **Examples** | **Symbol** |
| **Unitary** |  |  |  |
| **Confederation** |  |  |  |
| **Federal** |  |  |  |
| **Autocracy** |  |  |  |
| **Oligarchy** |  |  |  |
| **Democracy** |  |  |  |
| **Presidential Democracy** |  |  |  |
| **Parliamentary Democracy** |  |  |  |

1. Which government type allows citizens to have the greatest amount of political influence?
2. Freedom of speech is usually censored and controlled in which type of government?
3. In which system do local government bodies have the LEAST political power?
4. Which system of government shares power between the central and local governments?
5. Which type of democracy does the United Kingdom have?
6. Who is the leader of the UK’s government?
7. Which two systems do NOT share power between the central and local governments?
8. In which type of government does the power rest with a small group of people?
9. How is the leader of the country selected in a parliamentary democracy?
10. How is the leader of the country selected in a presidential democracy?
11. In which type of government are citizens MOST likely to choose their leader?
12. What is the common currency of the European Union?
13. What are the 3 benefits of joining the EU?
14. What are 4 European countries that are NOT members of the EU?