

## WE CHOOSE OUR OWN

In the United States, we vote to choose our leaders and make our laws.  
We have the power to decide how our country should be run.  
This is called representative democracy.

To understand democracy better, you can look at two other kinds of government: monarchy and dictatorship. In both these governments, one person has all the power. To find out more about these kinds of government, complete this chart:

	<b>Monarchy</b>	<b>Dictatorship</b>	<b>Republic or Representative Democracy</b>
Who leads the government?			
How does a person become the leader?			
What are the people's rights			

Dictator  
King or Queen

President  
By birth

By force  
No rights

Right to vote by election  
Right to royal protection

\* \* \* \* \*

Now pretend that you want a new park in your town.  
What can you do?  
Choose which actions best match each type of government.  
Write your answers on the lines.

- |                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Ask people to take a vote  | Monarchy _____     |
| 2. Write a letter to the king |                    |
| 3. Ask your parents           | Democracy _____    |
| 4. Start a rebellion          |                    |
|                               | Dictatorship _____ |