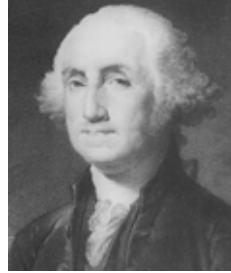


Benchmark: C1b



*Prime Minister*  
Tony Blair



*President*  
George Washington



*King*  
Henry VIII



*Emperor*  
Hirohito

**Brief Constructed Response Prompt:**

Why might governments around the world be structured differently? Support your answer with evidence.

**Possible Response(s):** Students may offer a variety of plausible responses.

Students might suggest that governments around the world are structured differently because the choice of structures is influenced by the different histories and cultures of people around the world. For example, Britain's unitary structure evolved naturally out of its longstanding monarchy. The negative experiences of the American people under the British monarchy during the Revolution caused the Americans to opt for an alternative federal structure.

**Rubric**

**2** = This response gives a valid reason with an accurate and relevant explanation.

**1** = This response gives a valid reason with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no explanation.

**0** = inaccurate or no response