

Benchmark: C1a

Country	Government Type
United States	Constitution-based federal republic; strong democratic tradition
China	Communist state
United Kingdom	Constitutional monarchy
Russia	Federation

Source: CIA Fact Book

<https://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/index.html>

Brief Constructed Response Prompt:

Why might countries around the world not have the same structures of government? Use countries from the list above to support your answer.

Possible Response(s): Answers will vary; one possible response...

Countries around the world may not share the same type of government because each country has its own unique history, culture, ideologies, and values. For example, the United Kingdom has a long history with kings and queens, a trait reflective in their current government type, constitutional monarchy. The U.S, meanwhile, has a firm believe in the separation of powers among the branches of government.

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