



Section 4: Guided Reading and Review World Democracies Today

A. As You Read

As you read Section 4, complete the chart below comparing the government of Great Britain to that of Mexico.

	Great Britain	Mexico
Constitution	made up of historical documents and 1. _____ customs and practices called common law	written: Constitution of 1917
Executive Leader	The 2. _____ is the leader of the majority party in the House of Commons.	The 6. _____ is popularly elected and serves a six-year term.
Legislature	bicameral, made up of the House of 3. _____ and the House of Commons	bicameral, made up of the Senate and the 7. _____
Court System	three separate regional court systems	two systems of courts: state and 8. _____
Political Parties	two dominant parties: the Conservative Party and the 4. _____ Party	multi-party system, dominated for decades by the 9. _____
Regional and Local Government	5. _____ has allowed some authority to be delegated from central to regional governments	divided into 31 states and one 10. _____

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Define the following terms on the lines provided.

11. coalition _____

12. minister _____

13. shadow cabinet _____

14. devolution _____
