## Identifying Political Systems ELL Name:

Here is a quick definition of each political system:

* **Autocracy**: almost all power rests in one person.
* **Oligarchy**: a small group of people make all the decisions. Not chosen by the people
* **Representative** Democracy: people vote on leaders, who then make decisions.
* **Direct** **Democracy**: people vote on all or most government decisions.
* **Anarchy**: the government does not have the right/power to force people into anything.

For each country described below, state which of the above political systems that country uses.

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| **Federal Republic of Germany:** German citizens can vote for their leaders. They elect everyone who goes into the “Reichstag,” the German congress. They also elect the president and chancellor. The Reichstag, President, and Chancellor make all Germany’s laws. | **Autocracy, Oligarchy, Representative Democracy, Direct Democracy, or Anarchy?** Why? |
| **The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:** Saudi Arabia is ruled by a king. The King gets his power from his family and is not elected. There are a few councils that help make laws but they are under the control of the King. The King and his councils make all the laws. | **Autocracy, Oligarchy, Representative Democracy, Direct Democracy, or Anarchy?** Why? |
| **People’s Republic of China:** the people of China get to vote for leaders, who go into a council called the National People’s Congress. However, the National People’s Congress does not have any actual power. The actual power is held by the Communist Party, which is not elected. | **Autocracy, Oligarchy, Representative Democracy, Direct Democracy, or Anarchy?** Why? |
| **Monarchy or Republic?** |