**Create Your Own Country**

**DIRECTIONS:**

Create your own country in which you are either a **monarch** or an **oligarch**. In 5-8 sentences, explain the following in your country overview:

* What is the name of your country?
* What kind of laws would you have in place?
* How would you rule? Would you allow your citizens to have any rights or would you choose to maintain **absolute** authority? WHY?

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| Name of country/type of government |  |
| Types of laws and government structure you would have to maintain order and control. |  |
| Type of citizen participation (elections, citizen representatives, ability to express an opinion) | ] |

**Role:** **Monarch**

**Audience:** Citizens

**Format:** Political Speech

**Topic:** Your citizens want a constitution and the opportunity to vote for a leader who represents their interests. Until now, you have always been an **authoritarian**  leader . Write an address to your citizens supporting or contesting their request for a constitution and voting rights.

* Explain how the government will be structured. Will you maintain an **absolute monarchy** or will you introduce a **constitutional monarchy** and allow citizen representation?
* If you decide to maintain an **absolute monarchy,** how will you maintain power? How will you maintain control over citizens that are demanding **participation** in government? If you decide to create a **constitutional monarchy** how will citizens participate? Who will be allowed to vote? Who will be excluded? Will all citizens be treated equally?

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| Absolute monarchy  |  |
| * How will your government be structured so that you can keep the power?
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| * How will you control citizens that are demanding participation?
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| Constitutional monarchy |  |
| * How will your government be structured? (Three branches of government)
 | Executive:Legislative:Judicial: |
| * Citizen participation
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**EXAMPLE:**

**Country Overview**

Country Name: Braves Country

In Braves Country, although I am the supreme ruler and monarch, I try to let my citizens have as much freedom as possible. Although citizens can’t vote, my laws are fair. I allow freedom of speech and religion and all citizens are treated equally in the eyes of the law. I feel that just because I was born into royalty that does not make me better than anyone else and everyone should be treated by the golden rule (do unto others as you would have done to you).

**Political Address:**

Dear citizens of Braves Country, I am speaking to you today to address your concerns about a constitution and voting rights. I believe…

Criteria:

* Length: The country overview should be a paragraph (5-8 sentences).
* The political address should be 3-4 paragraphs (minimum).
* Did you answer all the questions in the prompt?
* Are your thoughts clear and concise?
* Did you present a logical argument?