

POLITICS

STORY: _____

INVENTING A POLITICAL SYSTEM

How do aspects of the story world define the political system?

What are some of the historic events that have defined the development of the system?

What are the main parties/factions?

What divides them?

How is power distributed?

Who decides who is in power?

The two main sources of conflict in politics:

- Gaining power
- Keeping power

How?

Is there a monarch? If yes, how much power do they have?

Are there checks in place to ensure that power isn't abused?

Are there different "houses" within the governing body? If so, what are the tensions between them?

What specifically is the purpose of the political system?

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How do debates take place?

How often are the leaders changed?

How are differences of opinion resolved?

How are politicians regarded by civilians?

Where do the politicians meet & how often?

Are politicians chosen on personal merit or by some other criteria?

Is the political system part of a larger alliance?
If so, what affect does it have?

Are politicians representative of the people?

Can more than one party/faction rule at once?

Are politicians in touch with the people?

What privileges do politicians enjoy?

How do politicians advance their careers?

What are the disadvantages of being a politician?

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INVENTING PARTIES / FACTIONS

PARTY: _____

What do they stand for?

Who do they appeal to?

Who do they actually represent?

Who are their leaders?

What do they want to change?

How are they funded?

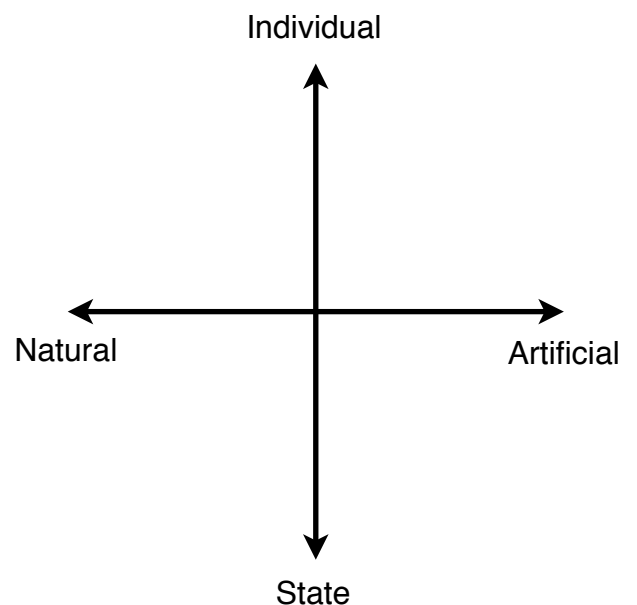
What are some landmarks in their history?

How do they spread their message?

What defines their domestic policy?

What defines their foreign policy?

Where do they fall on the following scales:



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WORLD POLITICS

What resources (or lack of) affect the balance of power?

How are resources transferred? Who has power over these trade routes?

Which community is the most powerful? Why?

How do they keep in power?

Who is interested in usurping their power?

How can communities become more powerful?

What are the main political axes or allegiances?

How does economy affect politics?

Where, when, how, and among whom do political meetings take place?

How are conflicts resolved?

How has history shaped the current political processes?

How is political news disseminated?
