



## 10 Minute Learning Activity

**Database:** EBSCOhost

**Topic/Subject Area:** Types of Governments

**Grade Level:** Grade 6

**Essential Question:** What are the major differences between a democracy, monarchy and dictatorship?

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### Academic Content Standards:

**Standard:** Government

**Benchmark:** C. Compare the defining characteristics of democracies, monarchies, and dictatorships

**Grade Level Indicator:** 4. Describe the defining characteristics of democracies, monarchies, and dictatorships.

### Search Steps:

#### A. Access Database

1. Open your Internet browser
2. In the address window, type [www.infohio.org](http://www.infohio.org) and click *Search*.
3. Select *Resources for Grades 6-8*.
4. Click on *EBSCOhost*.
5. Enter username and password, if prompted. (See librarian or technology coordinator for assistance.)
6. Click on *Student Research Center, Grades 6-8*.

#### B. Topic search instructions to answer essential question.

1. From the *Student Research Center, Grades 6-8* toolbar, click on *Advanced Search*.
2. In the first box with the blinking cursor, enter *democracy*.
3. In the blank box below *democracy*, enter *monarchy*.
4. In the blank box below *monarchy*, enter *dictatorship*.
5. Make sure the two boxes to the left of where you typed read *and*.
6. In the *Limit your results* section, check *Linked Full Text*.
7. Click on *Search*.

### **Additional Comments on Search Process:**

1. The database contains more than 140 popular magazines for elementary research. All articles are in full text and marked with Lexile reading level indicators.
2. When you are searching the database, you can use the “Boolean operators” (and, not, and or) and the truncation symbol (\$). The database also provides various ways to limit your search results. If you select *Help*, you can find detailed information on all of your search options.