

## PRIMARY SOURCES

**2–3 Paragraph Primary Source—Multiple Choice**

**Directions:** Read this excerpt from the Constitution of Poland, which was adopted in 1997. Then answer the questions that follow.

**ARTICLE 8.**

The Constitution shall be the supreme law of the Republic of Poland.

**ARTICLE 9.**

The Republic of Poland shall respect international law binding upon it.

**ARTICLE 10.**

(1) The system of government of the Republic of Poland shall be based on the separation of and balance between the legislative, executive and judicial powers.

(2) Legislative power shall be vested in the House of Representatives (Sejm) and the Senate, executive power shall be vested in the President of the Republic of Poland and the Council of Ministers, and the judicial power shall be vested in courts and tribunals.

**ARTICLE 11.**

(1) The Republic of Poland shall ensure freedom for the creation and functioning of political parties. Political parties shall be founded on the principle of voluntariness and upon the equality of Polish citizens, and their purpose shall be to influence the formulation of the policy of the State by democratic means. (2) The financing of political parties shall be open to public inspection.

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| <p><b>1</b> You can tell from this text that in 1997 Poland became a _____.</p> <p><b>A</b> constitutional monarchy<br/> <b>B</b> democratic republic<br/> <b>C</b> communist state<br/> <b>D</b> military dictatorship</p> <p><b>2</b> Poland's legislature has a House of Representatives and a _____.</p> <p><b>A</b> Senate<br/> <b>B</b> President<br/> <b>C</b> military court<br/> <b>D</b> Council of Ministers</p> | <p><b>3</b> In Poland's government, the executive branch is led by the _____.</p> <p><b>A</b> Minister<br/> <b>B</b> President<br/> <b>C</b> Council<br/> <b>D</b> Senate</p> <p><b>4</b> Article 11 is mostly concerned with _____.</p> <p><b>A</b> requirements for citizenship<br/> <b>B</b> volunteer work<br/> <b>C</b> courts and judges<br/> <b>D</b> political parties</p> |
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**Test Your Knowledge**

In what ways is Poland's government similar to the government of the United States, and in what ways is it different?