
Name

Date

Group

Word Sort
Government and the “-isms”
Prelude to *Animal Farm*

Activity: Vocabulary Word Sort

Directions:

1. Using the best thinking that you can, put these words into categories that you can agree on as a group.
2. What goes with what? If you have no idea what a word means, then guess.
3. In your SSEnglish journal, **write down the labels for the categories** your group comes up with and **the words that you think belong in that category**. **Write neatly**. You must have at least **four** categories and no more than **six**. Each category must have at least two words.
4. Choose someone to be the **spotter** in your group who can report on what you did; however, **anyone** in the group may be called on to clarify your group’s work.
5. In about 15 minutes, spotters must be ready to **explain how and why** your group sorted the words the way you did.

Remember, working in collaboration in a group requires you to:

- Use your indoor voice, 6" voice
- Involve other people in discussion
- Take your turn
- Do your job
- Take notes in your SSEnglish journal
- Don’t dominate
- Respect other people
- Be responsible to the group
- Be an active listener
- Share responsibility for the discussion
- Ask good follow-up questions

Each group gets a stack of cards with 19 words that will help you build background knowledge for these words. Here they are:

socialism

communism

totalitarianism

federalism

fascism

theocracy

constitution

dictatorship (dictator)

ideology

government

legislature

tyrant (tyranny)

republic

democracy

aristocracy

anarchy

plutocracy

monarchy

oligarchy