

# Creating a New Form of Government: A Classroom Constitutional Convention

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Instructions: Use the following questions to come up with your own form of government for your classroom.

- How many leaders will there be?
- How will they be chosen?
- What are they in charge of?
- Is one person in charge of everything or are responsibilities\* broken up?
- How long will they serve?
- Is anyone in charge of making sure the new leader(s) do not abuse their power?
- How are they chosen?
- What rights do students have?
- Who is included in their government? Do all students have the same rights? Do all students have an opportunity to become a leader?

\* Responsibilities might include:

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| • Teaching students            | • Making rules                         |
| • Deciding what will be taught | • Enforcing rules and student's rights |
| • Preparing the lessons        | • Making the schedule                  |
|                                | • Organizing activities                |