

This lesson plan is directed at 7-9th grade government classes.

The learning objective of this lesson is for students to be able to give a basic description of the following forms of government: Absolute Monarchy, Fascism, Communism, Apartheid.

Start the lesson by asking someone to give a description of the current governmental system in America. It's a democratic republic where the general population elects an electoral college to vote for their president.

Next, ask students to give basic description of the following systems of government: Absolute Monarchy, Fascism, Communism, and Apartheid. If students are unable to, give a simple definition yourself.

Next, pass out the assignment sheets as seen on the website.

Give the students around 5 minutes to go to the site as seen on the assignment sheet (Communism vs. Fascism), then tell them to transition to the next link (Monarchy vs. Apartheid).

Give them around 5 minutes on this link, then get the video essay from the website set up on a projector.

Play the video essay.

Next, give the students around 15 minutes to write a paragraph comparing and contrasting using specific examples of how their interpretations of Scar's and Simba's rule differed from the interpretation seen in the video essay.

Collect the assignment sheets.

Then open it up for discussion. Ask the students what they agreed/disagreed with in the video essay based on their prior notes.