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Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

- absolute monarchy** kings and queens have total and complete power
- ancient Greeks** a group of people who lived in Greece from 2000 B.C.–323 B.C. and created a direct democracy
- ancient Romans**..... a group of people who lived in Rome about 700 B.C. who conquered much of the ancient world and created a republic
- checks and balances** each of the three branches of government is given the means to check or limit the actions of the other branches
- Congress** lawmaking body of United States government (House and Senate)
- dictator** a ruler who has total power
- direct democracy** all citizens participate directly in making decisions
- divine right of kings** the belief that a king's or queen's decisions are inspired by God
- executive branch** the body of government that carries out the laws