

# Tyranny in General

What do tyrants do? How do they commonly behave?

7X's ideas so far:

e.g. gain power through military force

**Tyrants...**

- ① often wish to take over or conquer more land/countries
- ② have absolute control of the government
- ③ often spend absurd amounts of money on military power, arms, soldiers, etc.
- ④ keep their people down and show no or little respect for their own people
- ⑤ cunningly use international affairs to benefit themselves (e.g. to gain personal wealth or more power)
- ⑥ are prepared to act in a corrupt and cruel fashion in order to gain power, money or prestige
- ⑦ behave like bullies on a large scale
- ⑧ often choose to publicly display their power, through propaganda parades or through executions of dissidents, all of which serve to keep the rest of the population in line
- ⑨ deny people freedom of speech
- ⑩ throw people into gaol on trumped-up charges
- ⑪ control and corrupt the legal process → do not submit themselves to the rule of law

**Collect at least five verbs** for how a tyrannical government or leader acts.

e.g. intimidate

- ① bully
- ② oppress
- ③ suppress
- ④ abuse power
- ⑤ pressure
- ⑥ deceive
- ⑦ brainwash

**How do non-tyrannical leaders act?** What indications are there that a leader is **not** a tyrant?

**Non tyrannical leaders...**

- ① act fairly and justly
- ② respect the rights of their people
- ③ consider the needs of their people and act to respond to them
- ④ are able to listen to diverse opinions and reach a compromise

**Nouns** for describing tyrants and tyrannies:

e.g. oppression

- ① injustice
- ② suppression/repression
- ③ corruption
- ④ arrogance

**Adjectives** for describing tyrants and tyrannies:

e.g. corrupt

- ① cruel
- ② unjust
- ③ repressive
- ④ controlling

# **Tyranny in Ancient Rome**

From Abstract Suppositions to Real-Life Examples