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

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