Instructions: Complete the crossword puzzle. Use the clues to help identify the words.
Across
3. a form of government where the ruler has absolute or total power
4. the right of a group of people to be free of outside interference
7. the branch of government that creates the laws of a country
8. a form of government where citizens have the power in choosing their leaders
12. a form of government that has a sovereign as its head of state with limited power
15. a form of government where the sovereign has all the power
16. the branch of government that enforces, or carries out, the laws passed by the legislative branch
17. a form of government where citizens elect the president as head of government separately from the legislature

Down
1. the branch of government that is in charge of a country's courts and that settles disputes among citizens and between citizens and the government
2. a leader who does not have very much power
5. a form of government where a political party or other small group makes all the major decisions
6. the system by which a country is organized
9. the person in charge of the day-to-day business of running the country
10. a form of government where citizens can vote for a representative from the political party that represents their views and the party with the most seats in parliament picks the head of government
11. a form of government where the central (national) government holds almost all the power
12. a system where local governments hold all the power and the central government is weak and depends on the local governments for its existence
13. a form of government where power is shared among different levels of government
14. a form of government where one person controls the entire country