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Monarch

- King has final say.
- (the King is not concerned with the colonists, only with the people of Britain)

Monarch

- King has final say, but takes advice of the governor.
- (the King listens to the Governor to make decisions for the good of the colony)

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Governor

- puts Britain's wishes first
- Decides when to hold elections
- Can veto any bill
- (wants what is best for Britain and the King, not what is best for the colony)

Governor

- Considers the wishes of Britain and the colonists
- (is supposed to look out for what is best for the colony and its people first)

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Legislative Council

- Governor appoints the elite members
- They advise the governor
- They decide what bills should become laws
- (looked after the interests of the elite and were loyal to Britain)

Legislative Council

- Governor appoints the best people (sometimes were not members of the elite)
- They advise the Governor on laws
- (they offered advice on what was best for the colony, not for Britain)

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Executive Council

- Appointed by the Governor (members of the elite and wealthy, loyal to Britain)
- Offered advice to the Governor on what bills should become laws.
- (this group looked out for what was best for the elite and wealthy and for Britain, not for the people of the colony.)

Executive Council

- Appointed based on election
- Leader of party is Premier
- Each member is in charge of one area of government
- (looked after what was best for all the people of the colony, since they were all elected by the general population)

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Legislative Assembly

- Elected by the voters of the colony.
- Would suggest bills and raise money through taxes.
- (Little or no power, could be replaced by the Governor if not raise money. It could only send bills to the Council, who would not consider bills that did not benefit Britain.)

Legislative Assembly

- Elected by voters from several political parties
- Passed bills and laws.
- Raise money through taxes.
- (Had more power. Governor did not remove them, they were elected. Bills and laws were decided on here. Most members were concerned with the good of the colony.)

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Voters

- Male
- British Citizens
- Over 21
- Land owners / rent for certain amount for 1 year
- (these were wealthy people or those loyal to Britain. Most people did not own land, merely rented it for part of the year. About 25% of people could vote)

Voters

- Male
- Over certain age (usually 21)
- Land owners / renters
- (lower rental amounts and an increase in the number of people who owned land allowed more of the “regular people” to vote for representatives in government.)

Representative Government and **Responsible Government**

Overall, the colonists did better with Responsible government.

- Had more say in who ran the government.
- The people who were elected were more concerned with the colony than with Britain.
- The “regular people” could be elected and help pass laws and bills that would help the colonists.
- They were governed by people who lived in the colony, rather than by people who lived in Britain.