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**The Challenge of forming a Government- Summarize**

**Today in class you experienced the challenges people face when they are trying to organize and make decisions within a community.**

**Task:** Answer each of the following questions based on the island lesson.

1. Based on this experience, do you think people can be trusted to govern themselves? Why or why not?

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2. What are reasons citizens would want to limit the power of their government?

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3. If you were a citizen of an unlimited government, describe your freedoms?

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**Task:** Read each of the scenarios. Decide whether each decision was made in an autocratic or democratic way. Write A for autocratic and D for democratic on the line.

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_A teacher decides there will be a test on Friday and writes it on the board.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_A group of friends decide on which movie to see by discussing three possibilities

and voting on which one they want to see.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_A manager of a fast food restaurant decides to give workers a 50¢ per hour raise.

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_A mother listens to her children’s reasons for buying the new video game and then

decides not to buy it because it is not appropriate for their little sister to see.

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_A mother, father, and their three children all choose to go to the beach for 3 vacation, even though one child wanted to go camping in the mountains.

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Todd planned a surprise romantic night for his girlfriend Dana. He took her to a

dinner at her favorite restaurant and then dancing at a new club.

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_The mayor, elected by citizens of the town, decided to build a new city hall.

8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_The citizens voted in favor of a city tax measure that would increase funding for

libraries.

9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_The biggest kid in sixth grade choses the teams for kickball at recess every day.

10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Each member of the hockey team wrote a player’s name on a sheet of paper for

their Most Valuable Player selection.