

## CIVIC EDUCATION TEACHING METHOD

### 1. LESSON PLAN:

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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

School: Kamwala Secondary School

Time: 8.10 – 8.50 hours.

Subject: Civics

Duration: 40 minutes

Topic: Dictatorship

Class: Grade 8 A

**Objectives:** By the end of the learning experience PSBAT

- i) define dictatorship
- ii) name and describe the four types of dictatorship
- iii) list the main characteristics of dictatorship
- iv) discuss the dangers of dictatorship in a country.

**Teaching Aids:** Chart showing the characteristics of dictatorship, chalkboard

**Reference Materials:** Printed document, Civics pupil's book for grade 8, Civics teacher's book for grade 8.

**Introduction:** (2 minutes)

Oral questions and answers:

Find out from the pupils whether they know any African leader who came to power through a military coup.

Find out from the pupils what name is given to a political system where leaders are not elected by the citizens but use force to get into power.

Question:

Pupils, name any African leader who came to power through a military coup.

Expected answer:

Field Marshall Idi Amin of Uganda; Colonel Gaddafi of Libya, Mobutu of Zaire etc.

Question:

Pupils, what do we call a political system where leaders are not elected by the citizens but use force to get into power?

Expected answer:

A political system where leaders are not elected by the citizens but use force to get into power is called dictatorship.

CONTENT	TIME	METHODOLOGY/ACTIVITY
<b>LESSON DEVELOPMENT STAGE 1</b> Today pupils you will learn about dictatorship	1 minute	<b>TEACHER EXPOSITION</b> Teacher introduces the topic and writes it on the board.
<b>LESSON DEVELOPMENT STAGE 2</b> Pupils read the document on dictatorship silently	5minutes	<b>Document study</b> Teacher asks pupils to read the printed document silently
<b>LESSON DEVELOPMENT STAGE 3</b> <b>Expected answers:</b> i) A dictatorship is a system of government in which the people have little or no say in national affairs. ii) a) Military dictatorship b) Autocracy c) Monarchy d) Oligarchy iii) a) Military dictatorship: This is a government formed by the army after overthrowing the elected representatives through a coup d'etat b) Autocracy: This is a rule by one person who may come to power by being elected, but later he or she does not allow other citizens to challenge him or her in an election c) Monarchy: This is a country ruled by a King or Queen. d) Oligarchy: This is a dictatorship by a group such as a race or a tribe. iv) The characteristics of dictatorship: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ People are made to vote for one party</li> <li>❖ Opposition parties cannot be formed.</li> <li>❖ Elections are not free and fair</li> <li>❖ Political power is in the hands of one person.</li> <li>❖ Newspapers, radio and television are controlled by the government.</li> <li>❖ People who oppose the government can be killed or arrested.</li> </ul>	6 minutes	<b>Oral Questions and Answers</b> From the document you have read: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Define the term dictatorship.</li> <li>ii) Name four types of dictatorship mentioned in the passage.</li> <li>iii) Briefly explain the following types of dictatorships:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Military dictatorship</li> <li>b) Autocracy</li> <li>c) Monarchy</li> <li>d) Oligarchy</li> </ul> </li> <li>iv) List the main characteristics of dictatorship.</li> </ul>

- ❖ The police spy on the people and arrest any one who opposes or criticizes the government.
- ❖ The courts judge cases according to the instructions of the government.
- ❖ The people's rights are not respected.
- ❖ Government leaders do not look after the needs of the people.

**LESSON DEVELOPMENT STAGE 4**

A dictatorship is a system of government in which the people have little or no say in the running of the affairs of the nation or community.

There are four common types of dictatorship:

- a) A military dictatorship is a government formed by the army after overthrowing the elected leaders in a coup d'etat.
- b) Autocracy means a rule by one person. He or she may come to power by winning in an election, but later he or she does not allow other people to challenge him in an election.
- c) Monarchy means a country ruled by a King or a Queen. There are two types of Monarchies:
  - ❖ An Absolute Monarchy is a dictatorship by a Queen or King who has unlimited powers; for example, in Swaziland and Morocco.
  - ❖ A Limited Monarchy is a democracy because the King or Queen has limited powers; for example in Britain.
- d) Oligarchy is a rule by a group such as a tribe or a race; for example, Apartheid in South Africa was an Oligarchy because

8 minutes

**Teacher explains the meaning of dictatorship in details**

only white people were allowed to take part in elections and government.

Dictatorship has the following characteristics:

- ❖ No elections or elections are controlled to suit the interests of the ruling party.
- ❖ Political power is in the hands of one person.
- ❖ The press is controlled by the government.
- ❖ The Judiciary (courts) is also controlled by the government.
- ❖ There are violations of human rights; the police can arrest anyone who criticizes or opposes the government.
- ❖ Leaders serve their own interests and not the interests of the people.

**LESSON DEVELOPMENT STAGE 5**  
Teacher writes notes on the board for pupils to copy down

8 minutes

**NOTE-TAKING**  
Pupils to copy notes from the board

**LESSON DEVELOPMENT STAGE 6**  
Expected answers:

6 minutes

**WRITTEN CLASS EXERCISE**

i) A system of government in which the people have little or no say in running the affairs of the country.

ii) a) Absolute Monarchy  
b) Limited Monarchy

iii) a) The President could not allow any person to challenge him in elections.

b) People were not allowed to form opposition parties.

iv) Military coups, civil wars and violations of human rights.

- i) What is dictatorship?
- ii) Name two types of Monarchy
- iii) Mention any two reasons why most people argue that the one party system in Zambia was a form of dictatorship.
- iv) What dangers are posed by a dictatorship?

**LESSON DEVELOPMENT STAGE 7**  
Expected Answers:

2 minutes

**ORAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- a) What type of dictatorship was Apartheid?
- b) Why is dictatorship a dangerous political system in a country?

<p><b>LESSON DEVELOPMENT STAGE 8</b></p> <p><b>CONCLUSION:</b>          Today we have learnt about dictatorship. We have looked at different types of dictatorship such as military rule, autocracy, monarchy and oligarchy. We have also looked at the characteristics of dictatorship and the dangers posed by dictatorship.</p>	<p>2 minutes</p>	<p><b>TEACHER'S EXPOSITION</b>          Teacher to summaries the lesson on what has been taught. Pupils listen to the teacher's summary comments.</p>
<p><b>HOMEWORK</b>          Go and make a list of any five African countries which either have had a one party system of government or a military government. Name the dictator for each country and say how he had come to power.</p>		<p><b>HOMEWORK:</b>          Teacher to write homework on the board.</p>

**SELF EVALUATION:** It was a good lesson. Children were able to answer all the oral questions. Class exercise was well done.