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- Q1. What is monarchy system of government?
- Ans. Monarchy is a form of government in which the monarch (king or queen) has the power to make decisions and run the government. The monarch may have a small group of people to discuss matters with, but the final decision-making power remains with the monarch. Kings and queens do not have to explain their actions or defend the decisions they take.
- Q2. What was the suffrage movement? What did it accomplish?
- Ans. All over Europe and USA, women and the poor have had to fight for participation in government. Women's struggle to vote got strengthened during the First World War. This movement is called the women's suffrage movement as the term suffrage usually means right to vote.

 American women got the right to vote in 1920 while women in the UK got to vote on the same terms as men some years later, in 1928.
- Q3. What was the voting system in India before Independence? What ideas did Gandhiji express in the journal Young India about voting system?
- Ans. In India, before Independence, only a small minority was allowed to vote.

 Writing in the journal Young India in 1931, Gandhiji said, "I cannot possibly bear the idea that a man who has got wealth should get the vote but a man who has got character but no wealth or literacy should have no vote, or that a man who honestly works by the sweat of his brow day in and day out should not have the vote for the crime of being a poor man...".