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Important Terms for Political Change

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| Word | Definition | Example |
| Riot | a noisy, violent public disorder caused by a group or crowd of persons, as by a crowd protesting against another group, a government policy, etc., in the streets. |  |
| Rebellion | open, organized, and armed resistance to one's government or ruler. |  |
| Revolution | an overthrow or repudiation and the thorough replacement of an established government or political system by the people governed. |  |
| Civil War | a war between political factions or regions within the same country. |  |
| Protest | an expression or declaration of objection, disapproval, or dissent, often in opposition to something a person is powerless to prevent or avoid |  |
| Despot | a king or other ruler with absolute, unlimited power |  |
| Dictator | a person exercising absolute power, especially a ruler who has absolute, unrestricted control in a government without hereditary succession. |  |
| Mob Mentality | describes how people are influenced by their peers to adopt certain behaviors, follow trends, and/or purchase items. |  |
| Secular | not pertaining to or connected with religion |  |

What is the difference between a riot and a protest?

What is the difference between a civil war and a rebellion?

What are some reasons why people riot? Explain your impression of the Vancouver riots.

What is the Arab Spring? What were they protesting?

What are some reasons for people having a rebellion?

What reasons could Upper and Lower Canada have for having a rebellion in 1837 and 1838?