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The Top 25 Social Studies ism's

Below you will find a chart of 25 important social studies concepts that end in the suffix *-ism*. Using the Visual Thesaurus, complete the second and third columns of the chart by defining the base word for each ism and by analyzing how each base word relates to the doctrine, belief, or practice represented by the word ending in *-ism*. In the fourth column, document an example of each ism in action throughout history or current events. For the research column, try right-clicking on the ism word in the VT word map to jumpstart your research.

ISM	VT definition of base word in ism	How does the doctrine relate to the base word?	Where have you seen or read about this idea in practice?
1. absolutism			
2. authoritarianism			
3. capitalism			
4. colonialism			
5. communism			
6. conservatism			
7. constitutionalism			
8. despotism			
9. expansionism			
10. fascism			

11. federalism			
12. feudalism			
13. imperialism			
14. individualism			
15. internationalism			
16. isolationism			
17. liberalism			
18. Marxism			
19. militarism			
20. nationalism			
21. neocolonialism			
22. populism			
23. radicalism			
24. socialism			
25. totalitarianism			