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United States Government

Unit 1 Foundations of American Government

What should be the goals of government?

Chapter 1 Principles of Government

Essential Question: Is government [a] necessary?

Section 1 Government and the state

Objectives:

Students will: define government and the basic powers every government holds.

Students will: Describe the four (4) defining characteristics of a state.

Students will: Identify four (4) theories that attempt to explain the origin of the state.

Students will: Understand the purpose of government in the United States and other countries.

* Identify at least five (5) ways that your life would be different without a government?
* A.
* B.
* C.
* D.
* E.
* Define the following terms first putting using the textbook definition and secondly defining the term in your own words in which you would explain to someone else the meaning of the term.

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| **Term** | **Textbook Definition** | **Your Definition** |
| Government  (p. 4) |  |  |
| Public Policies  (p. 4) |  |  |
| Legislative Power  (p. 5) |  |  |
| Executive Power  (p. 5) |  |  |
| Judicial Power  (p. 5) |  |  |
| Constitution  (p. 5) |  |  |
| Dictatorship  (p. 5) |  |  |
| Democracy  (p. 5) |  |  |
| State  (p. 5) |  |  |
| Sovereign  (p. 7) |  |  |

Identify the three (3) basic powers of government and identify which branch of government is responsible for carrying them out. (p. 5)

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Greek philosopher Aristotle stated that, “man is nature a political animal”, what is politics and what is the purpose? (p. 5, p.6)

Politics:

Purposes:

What are the four (4) characteristics of a State?

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| **Characteristics** | **Definition** |
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What are the four (4) theories on the origins of the State?

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The Preamble to the United States Constitution outlines the purpose of the government for the United States. Identify the purpose and expectation for each claim.

*We the People of the United States in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*

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| Preamble | Purpose |
| Form a More Perfect Union |  |
| Establish Justice |  |
| Insure Domestic Tranquillity |  |
| Provide for the Common Defense |  |
| Promote the General Welfare |  |
| Secure the Blessings of Liberty |  |

What did Thomas Hobbes believe would happen without government?

Read each of the statement below and explain in your own words what the author meant.

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| Author | Statement | Explanation |
| James Madison | If men were angels , no government would be necessary. |  |
| Thomas Jefferson | Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. |  |
| Benjamin Franklin | They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. |  |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. | Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. |  |