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| Class Notes / PowerPoint Presentation / Textbook NotesMr. Kay’sAmerican Government ClassName:Class:Period:Date: Chapter 1 Section 1:  |
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| *Questions/Main Ideas:* |  |
| *Objectives* | * Define government and the basic powers every government holds.
* Describe the four defining characteristics of a state.
* Identify four theories that attempt to explain the origin of the state.
* Understand the purpose of government in the United States and other countries.
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| Key Terms/People |  |
| • **government:**  | * the institution through which a society makes and enforces public policies
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| **•public policies** | * all the things a government decides to do
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| **• legislative power:**  | * the power to make laws
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| **• executive power:**  | * the power to enforce and administer laws
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| **\* judicial power:**  | \* the power to interpret laws |
| **• dictatorship:**  | * a government in which all power rests with an individual or small group
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| **\* democracy:**  | * a government in which supreme authority rests with the people
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| **\* state:**  | * a body of people, living in a defined territory, with a government that can make and enforce law without the consent of any higher authority
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| **\* sovereign:**  |  \* to have supreme and absolute power within a territory |
| **\* divine right:**  | \* the theory that governments gain their authority from the will of God |
| **Introduction** | * What is government and what is its purpose?
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| Basic Types of Government |  |
| The State |  |
| Population and Territory |  |
| Sovereignty and Government |  |
| Origins of the State |  |
| The Force Theory |  |
| Evolutionary Theory |  |
| Divine Right Theory |  |
| Social Contract Theory | Checkpoint: What is the Social Contract Theory? |
| Purpose of Government |  |
| Review | * Now that you have learned about what government is and what its purpose is, go back and answer the Chapter Essential Question.
	+ Is government necessary?
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| \*\*\*Summary, Reflection, Analysis |  |