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| Class Notes / PowerPoint Presentation / Textbook Notes  Mr. Kay’s  American Government Class  Name:  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. |
| Key Terms/People |  |
| • **government:** | * the institution through which a society makes and enforces public policies |
| **•public policies** | * all the things a government decides to do |
| **• legislative power:** | * the power to make laws |
| **• executive power:** | * the power to enforce and administer laws |
| **\* judicial power:** | \* the power to interpret laws |
| **• dictatorship:** | * a government in which all power rests with an individual or small group |
| **\* democracy:** | * a government in which supreme authority rests with the people |
| **\* 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 |
| **\* 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? |
| 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? |
| \*\*\*Summary, Reflection, Analysis |  |