

THE FOUNDATIONS OF GOVERNMENT & LAW

What is a State?

- A state is a body of people living in a defined _____ with a government
- As opposed to these _____:
 - _____ - ethnic term: large group of people
 - _____ - geographic term: particular place, region or area of land

4 Characteristics of a State			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have _____ • _____ doesn't matter • People who make up the state may or may not be _____ (share customs, language, ethnic background) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ San Marino - _____ people ○ China - _____ people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have _____ with known and recognized boundaries • _____ - 0.2 square miles • _____ - 6.6 million square miles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ and absolute power within its own territory • Can decide its own foreign and domestic _____ • One of the main characteristics that distinguishes the state from _____ political units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each state is _____ organized • _____ - the agency the state uses to accomplish goals

What is Government?

- Institution which makes and enforces _____
- Public policies include _____, crime, education, health care, transportation, civil rights, etc.

Purposes of Government

- To Form a More Perfect _____ - In union, there is _____
- To guarantee _____ and liberties
- To promote the general _____ of citizens
- To Establish _____: The law must be reasonable, fair and impartial
- To ensure domestic _____ (ie: Police, laws): order is essential to society
- To provide for common _____ against outside attack

Powers of Government

1. _____ - Law making- (US Congress, State Legislatures)
2. _____ - Law enforcing (US President, Governor)
3. _____ - Law interpreting (Courts)