

Government Review: Unit 1 Test: Foundations of Government

The Unit 1 Assessment will include questions related to the following:

1. The 3 branches of government and their basic functions
 - a. Legislative
 - b. Executive
 - c. Judicial

2. Characteristics of a nation (state)
 - a. Population
 - b. Territory
 - c. Functioning government
 - d. Sovereignty

3. Overall things a legitimate government should be able to do / or at least attempt:
 - a. Protect national security
 - b. Maintain order
 - c. Resolve conflict
 - d. Provide services
 - e. Provide for the public good

4. Make sure you know the differences between Divine Right theories and Natural Law theories and why those differences are very important.

5. Make sure you know the similarities, but also the key difference between Thomas Hobbes and John Locke.

6. Make sure you understand the important ideas of social / political contracts. Realize that a contract is a type of “compromise” and involves an exchange. Each side of the contract has to give something up, but then, gets something in return. These ideas relate to Hobbes and Locke.

7. Make sure you understand the differences between the 3 different “structures” of government:
 - a. Unitary
 - b. Confederal
 - c. Federal

8. Make sure you understand the characteristics of the different “systems” of government:
 - a. Monarchy
 - b. Dictatorship
 - c. Oligarchy
 - d. Theocracy
 - e. Democracy
 - i. Direct
 - ii. Representative
 - iii. Presidential
 - iv. Parliamentary