

Reading Assignments for Unit 1 Power Points
Foundations of Government

Unit 1 Power Point Slide: 1 – 7 / Corresponding Text Pages: 6 – 10

Main Topics of these Power Points:

1. The Meaning of Government
2. Government and Policy
3. Characteristics of a State
4. Functions of Government

Unit 1 Power Point Slides: 8 – 15 / Corresponding Text Pages: 10 - 12

Main Topics of these Power Points

1. Origins of Government and Philosophers
2. Divine Right Theory
3. Natural Law and Natural Rights
4. Social Contract Theory
5. Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Unit 1 Power Point Slides 16 – 33 / Corresponding Text Pages: 14 – 19

Main Topics of these Power Points:

1. Different Structures and Forms of Government
2. Definition of a Central Government
3. Unitary, Con-federal, and Federal Structures of Government
4. Different Systems of Government

Unit 1 Review Questions: Students should be able to answer the following questions after having read the assigned text pages.

1. What is government?
2. What major characteristics do all states share?
3. What are the major functions of government?
4. What theories of rule have been put forth to explain government?
5. What are the classic forms of government?
6. How is national power organized differently in unitary, federal, and con-federal systems?
7. What are the basic characteristics of monarchies, authoritarian governments, oligarchies, theocracies, and democracies?
8. In what ways do presidential and parliamentary systems differ?