

***Introductory Lesson – What is Government?***

***Chapter 1: Principles of Government***

***Section 1: Government and the State, pp.4-11***

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**Task One: Text to Speech**

**Government** is the institution through which a society makes and enforces its public policies. Government is made up of those people who exercise its powers, all those who have authority and control over people.

~*Page 4, Magruder’s American Government*

<http://www.text2speech.org/>

**Task Two: LinoIt**

What do you think government is? Go to the link below to share your response!

<http://linoit.com/users/miriamcollins/canvases/Civics%20-%20What%20is%20Government%3F%20>

**Task Three: Quizlet**

Essential Vocabulary Words: (from Chapter 1, Section 1)

* Government
* Public policy
* Legislative power
* Executive power
* Judicial power
* Constitution
* Democracy
* Dictatorship
* State
* Sovereign

This link will take you to the “What is government?” Quizlet – flash card review for this section.

<https://quizlet.com/_3kylpa>

**Task Four: School House Rock – YouTube**

The Purpose of Government – the text draws from the Preamble to the Constitution to spell out why and for what reason people need government. An easy way to remember all of these reasons is to go to the following link for School House Rock!

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/yhs/search?fr=yhs-mozilla-003&hsimp=yhs-003&hspart=mozilla&p=school+house+rock+preamble#id=2&vid=c3d7c14314e5e96bb8731c9cb8c16a4a&action=click>

(Note: form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, secure the blessings of liberty)

**Task Five: Khan Academy – The Preamble**

Khan Academy – Video – the Preamble to the Constitution – explains the history behind creating the US Constitution and whom it serves and why.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/partner-content/aspeninstitute/civil-liberties-privacy-constitution/constitution-deals-with-civil-liberties-age-technological-change/v/the-preamble-of-the-us-constitution>