

## Foundations of Government

### Lesson 1 *Purposes and Origins of Government*

#### A. Main Idea

1. leadership
2. order
3. public services
4. national security
5. economic security
6. economic assistance

#### B. Main Idea

1. nation
2. territory
3. population, territory, sovereignty, government

#### C. Main Idea

1. evolutionary
2. force
3. divine right
4. social contract

#### Summary and Reflection

Students' answers should identify the purposes of government: to provide leadership, maintain order, and to provide public services, national and economic security, and economic assistance. Under the force theory, states were created when leaders used their power to force cooperation between people. Such a government would be most concerned with maintaining order and national and economic security. The social contract theory says that governments are created when people surrender their freedom to the state in exchange for order and security. Since the social contract theory shaped the development of democratic governments, this type of government would focus on all the main purposes of government described above.