

# **FEATURES AND PURPOSES OF THE STATE**

## **Features of the state**

1. population
2. territory
3. sovereignty
4. government

## **Purposes of Government -**

1. maintain social order
2. provide public services
3. provide for the common defense
4. control the economic system.

## **Where did the state come from?**

1. Family rule (evolutionary theory)
2. force theory
3. divine right (Egypt, China, Aztecs)
4. social contract (Hobbes v. Locke, need to rule the violent, a natural right to life, liberty and property).

## **Unitary v. Federal Government**

1. central government establishes regional governments and limits their powers (Great Britain, France, Italy)
2. federal government shares power with regional governments (Canada, Switzerland, Mexico, Australia, India).

## **What is a constitution?**

1. set out ideals people are bound to
2. establishes government's structure and powers.
3. is the supreme law of the land.

## **What is politics?**

The effort to control or influence the conduct and policies of government.

# Features and Purpose of a State – Guided Notes

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