**Unit 8: Government and Citizenship**

I. Foundations of Government

* **Government –**
* Governments make laws to protect the common good and to keep order

1. Providing Services

* **Taxes –**
* **Examples:**

1. First Governments

* As cities started to grow in population governments became necessary
* Governments were needed to resolve problems and protect property

1. Powers of Government

* **Constitution –**
* Usually written down
* Identifies the powers that a government has

1. Limited Government

* **Limited Government –**
* Most countries today have limited governments
* The United States limits the power of government to protect certain freedoms

1. Unlimited Government

* **Unlimited Government –**
* Most unlimited governments restrict the basic rights of their people
* Many censor their peoples access to the Internet and other communication technologies