**II. Political Systems**

1. Government Basics

* **State –**
* We usually refer to states as countries in the United States
* **Nation –**

1. Nation-States

* **Nation-States –**
* Things all nation-states have in common:
* **Territory –**
* **Government –**
* **Laws –**

1. Democracy

* **Democracy –**
* People are given the right to vote for government officials
* An example of a limited form of government

**Two Types of Democracy**

1) **Direct Democracy** –

2) **Representative Democracy** –

1. Monarchy

* **Monarchy –**
* Powers of government are inherited
* Most countries in European history had monarchies in the past

**Two Types of Monarchies**

1) **Absolute Monarchy –**

2) **Constitutional Monarchy –**

1. Authoritarian Government

* **Authoritarian –**
* Leaders in an authoritarian have unlimited powers
* **Communism –**