**II. Types of Government**

A. Confederation

* **Confederation –**
* Characterized by a weak central government
* Only has power granted by member states
* U.S. has had two – **Articles of Confederation and Confederate States of America**
* B. Autocracy
* **Autocracy –**
* Most common form of government in history
* **Authoritarian –**

C. Types of Autocracy

* 1) **Dictatorship –**
* **Dictare** (Latin) –
* **Totalitarian –**
* 2) **Monarchy –**
* **Absolute Monarchy –**

* **Constitutional Monarchy –**

D. Oligarchy

* **Oligarchy –**
* Most communist are oligarchies

E. Democracy

* **Demos** (Greek) -
* **Kratic** (Greek) -
* **Democracy –**

F. Two Types of Democracy

* 1) **Direct Democracy** (Pure Democracy) –
* Used in ancient Greek city-states
* Not practical for modern society
* 2) **Representative Democracy** (Republic) –
* Type of government found in most countries today
* Founding Fathers admired the Roman system of government where the upper classes led the government and military
* Found the direct democracy of ancient Greece less appealing
* Many believed that history illustrated the dangers of democracy

G. Two Types of Representative Democracy

* 1) **Presidential –**
* Government found in U.S.A
* **Federalism –**
* 2) **Parliamentary –**
* **Unitary Government –**