**III. Political Structures**

1. Systems of Government

* **Unitary –**
* **Federal –**
* **Confederate –**

1. Principles of Government

* **Rule of Law –**
* **Majority Rule –**
* **Minority Rights –**

1. Branches of Government

* **Separation of Powers –**
* **Checks and Balances –**
* Makes sure that one branches does not become too powerful

1. Legislative Branch

* **Legislative Branch –**
* This branch is called Congress in the United States
* Two House: House of Representatives (435 members) and the Senate (100 members)

1. Executive Branch

* **Executive Branch –**
* This branch is headed by the President in the United States
* Required to work with the other branches of government to get work done