## Assn #2 Introduction to Government Questions

1. What is government?

Government is the ruling authority for a nation, state, or community.

2. When were the earliest governments formed?

The earliest governments were formed in Mesopotamia around 5000 B.C.

- 3. What do governments do? (List four purposes)
- 1. Make and enforce laws
- 2. Provide order and security
- 3. Provide services
- 4. Guide the community
- 4. What do you think is the most important purpose of government?

Lawmaking is the "prime function" of Government.

- 5. What are three examples of services governments provide?
- Educational services
   Recreational services
- 3. Postal Service
- 6. In planning for the future, Governments prepare a budget. What is a budget?

A budget is a plan for making and spending money.

7. What are the three levels of government in the United States?
Where is each located?

In the US, the three levels of government are national, state, and local.
National-Washington D.C.
State-Harrisburg
Local-Where you live

8. In the U.S., What level of government as the highest authority?

The national, or federal, level of government has the highest authority over the nation.