**9/25 Objectives:**

1. SWBAT describe the four defining characteristics of the state.
2. SWBAT identify the four theories that attempt to explain the origin of the state (where it’s power is derived from).
3. SWBAT understand how the social contract influenced the Declaration of Independence & American government.

**9/25 Government Warm Up**

1. Why is public policy called the “by-product of government action”?
2. Why would public policy differ from region to region, state to state in America?
3. The earliest forms of government were created out of what basic need?
4. List the 3 main functions of any legitimate government.
5. Oliver Wendall Holmes said, “The right to swing my fist, ends where the other man’s nose begins”?

What did he mean by this?