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Introduction to role of government:

The importance of government in society is very apparent in the novel "Alas, Babylon." The pre-war government provided a sense of peace and stability to the nation. On the other hand, this security caused the people to grow docile and unprepared in the face of crisis.

Why is Government so important?

Food, shelter and medical aid are necessary for human survival and sustenance. Government agencies such as FEMA help aid people in need by providing care packages and medicines to victims of events such as hurricanes and tornadoes, as well as mass sheltering for the homeless.

Government's Role in Keeping Social Order

Government has several roles in keeping social order. In *Alas, Babylon*, the United States government attempted to help its citizens and keep order by declaring that any National Guard or Reserve officers who aren't within contact of their commanders should "...take action to preserve public safety in...areas where civil defense has broken down or where organized military units do not exist." (p.221). Our government today keeps us under control by passing and enforcing laws that fight crime, promote charity, and regulate social order. These actions are necessary in an effective government.

How does role of government effect us today?

Role of government is an important theme today, both in life, and literature. The main goals of government are firstly to provide a safe and stable environment for its citizens to thrive. It is also tasked with providing vital infrastructure and keeping law and order. It seems in our society, that these roles have been sufficiently fulfilled. So government takes a broader role in our lives, like healthcare and education. A Scottish philosopher named Adam Smith took a more conservative role in describing the importance of government. He maintained that government ought only need to fulfill these three limited capacities. Including, national defense, law and order and infrastructure. Government these days has expanded vastly beyond these roles, and the coddling of society in a way, has weakened our self sufficiency and in "Alas, Babylon" it shows greatly how these expanded roles have made us nearly helpless in the face of crisis without government to protect us.

Example from the text:

During the burial of Porky Logan no one volunteered to carry the casket. the burial was important because they were going to bury radioactive materials with him. In the book, Randy was a charismatic leader and he made some really tough decisions, " Randy had to draw his gun to get it done." (pg 213) This is just one example of his leadership abilities and role of government in the society.

The government in Alas Babylon

The deadly invisible killer that was diseased, starts to become a problem in Fort Repose. Lib McGovern inquired, "What happens now without vaccine?" (pg.235) The pre-war government provided such amenities, so disease was not really a problem. Although the breakdown of society made small and seemingly insignificant things become nightmarish problems.