

PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT | Questions 1-7

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- Principle #1: Federalism
 - Power is divided between the national government and the states.
- Principle #2: Republicanism
 Citizens elect representatives to carry out the will of the people.
- Principle #3: Limited Government
 Government can do only what the people say it can do.
- Principle #4: Popular Sovereignty
 All government power belongs to the people. ("We the People")
- Principle #5: Checks and Balances
 Each branch of government is able to check the other branches.
- Principle #6: Separation of Powers
 Power is divided among three branches of the national government.
- Principle #7: Individual Rights
 Individual rights are protected. (Bill of Rights)

BILL OF RIGHTS | Question 8

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THE BILL OF RIGHTS The First Ten Amendments to the U.S. Constitution





















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Amendment 1	 Freedoms of <u>Religion</u>, <u>Speech</u>, and <u>Press</u>; Rights to <u>Assemble</u> and <u>Petition</u> the Government
Amendment 2	The Right to Keep and Bear Arms
Amendment 3	Limits on Housing Soldiers in Private Homes
Amendment 4	 Limiting Searches, Seizures, and Warrants
Amendment 5	Clarifying Rights of the Accused
Amendment 6	Right to a Speedy Trial in Criminal Cases
Amendment 7	• Right to a Jury Trial in Civil Cases
Amendment 8	Limiting Bails, Fines, and Cruel/Unusual Punishment
Amendment 9	Rights Reserved to the People
Amendment 10	Powers Reserved to the States



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U.S. & TEXAS BILL OF RIGHTS: DIFFERENCES | Question 10
U.S.—10 ITEMS / added by AMENDMENT
TEXAS—34 ITEMS / ARTICLE I

U.S. & TEXAS CONSTITUTION: DIFFERENCES | Question 12
U.S.—CHANGED ONLY 27 TIMES
TEXAS—CHANGED OVER 450 TIMES

CONSTITUTIONS | Questions 11 & 12 merehistory.weebly.com

U.S. & TEXAS CONSTITUTIONS: A COMPARISON	Questions 11-12
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Characteristics	U.S. CONSTITUTION	TEXAS CONSTITUTION			
Style	Brief and vague	Long and detailed			
Length	7,000 words	93,000 words			
BILL OF	YES	YES			
RIGHTS	(10—Amendments)	(34—Article I)			
Separation of	YES	YES			
Powers	(3 branches: Leg Exe Jud)	(3 branches: Leg Exe Jud)			
Checks and Balances	YES	YES			
Legislative Structure	Bicameral	Bicameral			
Executive Power	Unitary	Plural			
Veto Power	Simple	Line-item			
Judicial System	One supreme court	Two supreme courts			
Amendments	27	450+			
Amendment Process	Difficult	Relatively easy			

FEDERALISM Question 14

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ENUMERATED POWERS | CONCURRENT POWERS | RESERVED POWERS

National

- Declare war
- · Maintain armed forces
- Regulate interstate and foreign trade
- Admit new states
- Establish post offices
- Set standard weights and measures
- Coin money
- Establish foreign policy
- Make all laws necessary and proper for carrying out delegated powers

Shared

- Maintain law and order
- Levy taxes
- Borrow money
- Charter banks
- Establish courts
- Provide for public welfare

State

- Establish and maintain schools
- Establish local governments
- Regulate business within the state
- Make marriage laws
- Provide for public safety
- Assume other powers not delegated to the national government or prohibited to the states

FEDERALISM | Question 14

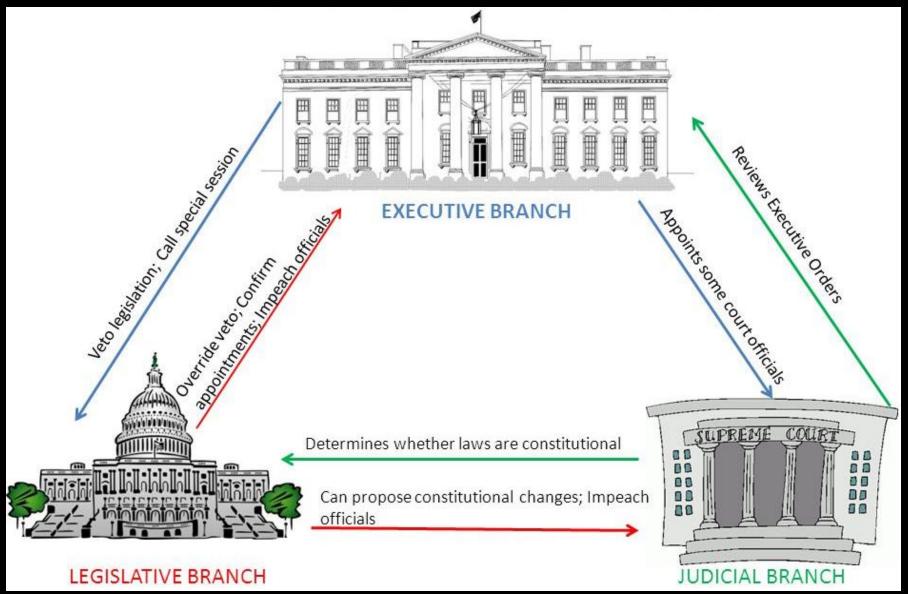
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Federal Powers	Shared Powers	State Powers
Print money	Pass and enforce laws	Provide licenses for driving, marrying, and other activities
Carry out foreign policy	Tax individuals and businesses	Hold elections
Make treaties with other countries	Borrow money	Form local governments
Declare war	Form courts	Establish public schools
Regulate commerce between states	Build roads	Approve amendments to the Constitution
Maintain an army and navy	Provide charters to banks and corporations	Control commerce within the state
Create post offices		

Source: US Government Printing Office

CHECKS & BALANCES | Question 15

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CHECKS & BALANCES | Questions 13 & 15

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Checks on the Legislative Checks on the Judicial **Executive Branch** Branch Branch (President carries out laws) Can propose laws Appoints federal judges Can veto laws Can grant pardons to federal offenders Can call special sessions of Congress Makes appointments Negotiates foreign treaties Checks on the Executive Checks on the Judicial Legislative Branch Branch Branch (Congress makes laws) Can override President's veto Creates lower federal courts Confirms executive appointments Can impeach and remove judges Ratifies treaties Can propose amendments to Can declare war overrule judicial decisions Appropriates money Approves appointments of Can impeach and remove President federal judges Check on the Executive Check on the Legislative Judicial Branch Branch Branch (Supreme Court interprets laws) Can declare executive actions Can declare acts of Congress unconstitutional unconstitutional

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