

MORE STUFF ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION

What are the goals and principles of the U.S. Constitution?

BILL OF RIGHTS

Amendment 1	◆	
Amendment 2	◆	
Amendment 3	◆	
Amendment 4	◆	
Amendment 5	◆	
Amendment 6	◆	
Amendment 7	◆	
Amendment 8	◆	
Amendment 9	◆	
Amendment 10	◆	

Federal Powers




Shared Powers

State Powers

	FEDERALISM	

U.S. & TEXAS CONSTITUTIONS: A COMPARISON

Characteristics	U.S. CONSTITUTION	TEXAS CONSTITUTION
Style		
Length		
BILL OF RIGHTS		
Separation of Powers		
Checks and Balances		
Legislative Structure		
Executive Power		
Veto Power		
Judicial System		
Amendments		
Amendment Process		

<p>Executive Branch (President carries out laws)</p> 	<p>Checks on the Legislative Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can propose laws Can veto laws Can call special sessions of Congress Makes appointments Negotiates foreign treaties 	<p>Checks on the Judicial Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoints federal judges Can grant pardons to federal offenders
<p>Legislative Branch (Congress makes laws)</p> 	<p>Checks on the Executive Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can override President's veto Confirms executive appointments Ratifies treaties Can declare war Appropriates money Can impeach and remove President 	<p>Checks on the Judicial Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates lower federal courts Can impeach and remove judges Can propose amendments to overrule judicial decisions Approves appointments of federal judges
<p>Judicial Branch (Supreme Court interprets laws)</p> 	<p>Check on the Executive Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can declare executive actions unconstitutional 	<p>Check on the Legislative Branch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can declare acts of Congress unconstitutional