

Unit 3 Study Guide - Government and Politics

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Topic 3: The Constitution

Hour _____

** Essential question for this topic: What is the right balance of power in good government?*

Definitions and examples

Central Questions

3.1 Overview of the Constitution

1. Define judicial review and **identify** the landmark supreme court case related.

2. Define federalism

3. Give an example of popular sovereignty

4. Give an example of limited government (rule of law)

5. Give an example of separation of powers

6. Give an example of checks and balances

3.2 Amending the Constitution

7. What is the significance of the Bill of Rights?

8. What is the President's Cabinet?

1. Identify the branches of government that Articles I, II, and III outline.

2. Describe the basic organization of the Constitution and why this organization was used by the framers.

3. What practical problem did the framers solve by creating a bicameral legislature.

4. How did the principle of federalism resolve the issue of national vs. States' rights?

3.2 Amending the Constitution

5. How does the formal amendment process reflect the concept of federalism?

6. The process of constitutional change happens by means other than formal amendments. **Explain** 5 key ways change continues to occur.
a. Basic Legislation:

3.3 Federalism

9. Define division of powers.

10. Define expressed/enumerated powers. **Name** two examples.

11. Define implied powers. **Name** two examples.

12. Define inherent powers

13. Define reserved powers

14. Define concurrent powers. **Name** one example.

15. Define supremacy clause (include the key court case that reinforced this clause)

b. Executive Action:

c. Court Decisions:

d. Party Practices:

e. Custom and Usage:

3.3 Federalism

7. List the three reasons the Framers wanted to limit federal powers:

a.

b.

c.

8. What is the major strength of Federalism?

9. Give two examples of powers denied to the National Government.

10. How does the Supremacy Clause impact disputes among states or between States and the National Government?

