

SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT WORKSHEET

Each statement below illustrates one of the seven principles of the Constitution. Read each statement then identify the principle involved. You may review pages 221-223 if needed.

Popular Sovereignty

Republicanism

Limited Power of Government

Federalism

Separation of Powers

Checks and Balances

Individual Rights

1. _____ The power to govern comes from the people.
2. _____ The people elect representatives to make laws and conduct government.
3. _____ Congress makes laws for the nation.
4. _____ The President and all other government officials must obey the law like all American citizens.
5. _____ Voters in Virginia elected the first black governor to office in 1989
6. _____ The Supreme Court declares a law unconstitutional.
7. _____ Congress cannot make a law that violates freedom of speech.
8. _____ The powers of the national government are distributed among three branches of government.
9. _____ The government cannot arrest a person unless that person has violated a law.

10. _____ State and local governments supervise the public school system.
11. _____ The Senate can refuse to approve a treaty that the President has negotiated.
12. _____ The President can veto a bill that has been approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate.
13. _____ The President is commander in chief of the military.
14. _____ States can make marriage laws for their state.
15. _____ Amendment 19 gave women the right to vote.
16. _____ The national and state governments can conduct elections.
17. _____ Congress passes a law forbidding abortions in all situations, but the Supreme Court declares it unconstitutional.
18. _____ Congress can impeach and remove the President for improper conduct.
19. _____ Congress can coin money.