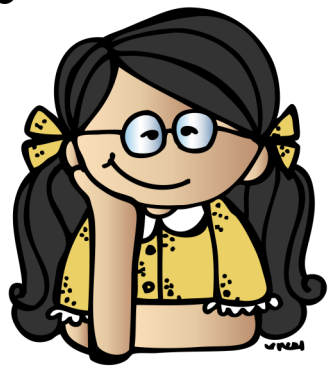


17. amendment-

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18. individual rights-

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What do you remember about...

\* a republican government? \_\_\_\_\_  
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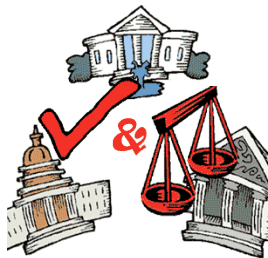
\* a constitutional government? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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\* limited government? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Separation of Powers



\* As a way to \_\_\_\_\_ the power of government, the Constitution grants some powers to the federal (\_\_\_\_\_) government and saves some powers for the \_\_\_\_\_ governments. There are some powers that are \_\_\_\_\_ by both the federal and state governments. If a power is not specifically given to the federal government, then it is saved for the states or the \_\_\_\_\_. Another way in which the Constitution creates a limited government is through the separation of powers among three \_\_\_\_\_.



## Checks and Balances

\* Besides separating the powers among \_\_\_\_\_ branches, the Constitution also sets ways in which one \_\_\_\_\_ can check the other two. These checks help to balance \_\_\_\_\_.

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The small country of Egbonia is governed by a President and a Council. According to the Egbonian Constitution, the Council is made up of the ten richest people in Egbonia. The President is chosen by the Council. The Constitution allows the President to make and enforce all the laws. The main roles of the Council are to choose the President and give him ideas for new laws.

According to the Constitution, a huge birthday party is held for the President each year. This year the President wanted it to be bigger than ever. Therefore, he wrote a new law requiring every citizen of Egbonia to donate five hundred dollars for the party plus birthday cakes.

Many citizens were unhappy with the law and said it was unfair. The President responded that the Constitution gave him the power to make any law he wanted. To make sure citizens gave the money and birthday cakes, the President wrote a second law. This law stated that anyone who did not pay the money and donate cake would be forced to leave the country and find another place to live.

The Council members told the President they didn't want to give money or cake. He told them not to worry. The law was only for the rest of the citizens, not for them. They were all welcome to come to the birthday party and didn't need to donate a thing!

Some citizens decided to protest these two new laws. They met outside the President's mansion holding signs that said "The New Laws are Unfair!" The President had all these citizens arrested and put into jail. He told newspaper reporters covering the story that this was completely within his power. He read them a section from the Egbonian Constitution that stated that the President could arrest and jail any citizen who complained about him.

The birthday party was held at the President's mansion and attended by the Council and twenty of the President's closest friends. There were thousands of balloons, a huge feast and hundreds of presents the President had bought for himself using the money given by citizens. The protesting citizens remained in jail for over three months. Fifty citizens were sent out of the country for failing to give money and a birthday cake. The President had such a good time at his birthday party that he amended the Constitution to allow him to have three birthday parties each year.

## The Government of Egbonia

1. Who makes the laws in Egbonia? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Who enforces the laws? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Who seems to have all the power in Egbonia? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Do there appear to be any limits on the government in Egbonia?  
Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What problems are likely to occur in Egbonia? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. What might be a different way to organize the government of Egbonia? \_\_\_\_\_

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