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**6 Principles of the Constitution**

You will need to read Chapter 3, Section 1 (p. 55-59) to complete this. Provide a definition for each of these and answer any other questions provided.

**Popular Sovereignty**

Definition-

Where have we heard this definition before in this class?

Where have we heard sovereignty before in this class?

**Limited Government**

Definition-

What is constitutionalism?

Why is this principle important? (What happens if we don’t have this?)

**Separation of Powers**

Definition-

Draw a stool with 3 legs coming off of it. Label each leg a branch of our government.

How does this drawing show the importance of this principle? (According to the drawing, what would happen if we didn’t have 3 branches?)

Think back to the beginning of our country. Why did the framers of the Constitution want to have a separation of powers?

**Checks and Balances**

Definition-

Using p. 57 and the chart on p. 58, complete the chart below stating the checks that each branch has on the other two. Include every check you can find in the book.

Judicial Branch Legislative Branch

Executive Branch

Why do we typically not see a lot of one branch showing its power over another branch? For example, why do we not see a lot of Presidential vetoes, or overrides of vetoes, or not approving of judges or appointments, or impeachments, etc?

**Judicial Review**

Definition-

What is the definition of unconstitutional?

Why is it important to have the judicial branch be able to declare things, whether they be from Congress or the President, to be unconstitutional?

**Federalism**

Definition-

Try to answer the following questions without using the book. However, if you get stuck, you can use p. 75-78 to help you.

List powers that *only* the federal government has.

List powers that *only* state governments have.

List powers that *only* local/city governments have.

List powers that are shared between these different levels of government. (It may be easier to think of shared powers between the states and federal governments)

Why do you think some powers are exclusive and some powers are shared?