

# 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.