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LG 9- Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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Principle

What is it?

Why is it important?

*Checks and
Balances*

Federalism

Individual Rights

Limited Government

Popular Sovereignty

Separation of Powers

Republicanism

Flexibility

(Living Constitution)

Supreme Law of the Land

Each statement below illustrates one of the principles of the Constitution. Read each statement then identify the principle involved.

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 & all other government officials must obey the law.
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 violated freedom of Speech.
8. _____ The powers of the national government are distributed among 3 branches of government.
9. _____ The government cannot arrest a person unless that person has violated the law.
10. _____ State & 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 Congress.
13. _____ The President is commander in chief of the military.
14. _____ States can make marriage laws.
15. _____ Amendment 19 gave women the right to vote.
16. _____ The national & state governments can conduct election.
17. _____ Congress passes a law but the Supreme Court declares it unconstitutional.
18. _____ Congress can impeach & remove the President for improper conduct.
19. _____ Congress can coin money.
20. _____ Congress approved of President Reagan's appointment of Sandra Day O'Conner to the Supreme Court.
21. _____ A President can only serve 2 terms.
22. _____ Governments get their power from the consent of the governed.
23. _____ In 2008, Americans chose Barack Obama as President.
24. _____ The Government has only those powers granted by the people & stated in the Constitution.