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| Bank Item Number | | G.C.1.7.L1 |
| Benchmark | | SS.7.C.1.7 |
| Cognitive Complexity | | L |
| Item | | What check does the U.S. Senate have on the president? |
| A |  | overriding vetoes |
| B |  | appointing judges |
| C |  | declaring laws unconstitutional |
| D |  | refusing to confirm appointments |

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| Bank Item Number | | G.C.1.7.M1 |
| Benchmark | | SS.7.C.1.7 |
| Cognitive Complexity | | M |
| Item | | The statement below was written by John Adams in April 1776.  A representation of the people in one assembly being obtained, a question arises, whether all the powers of government, legislative, executive, and judicial, shall be left in this body? I think a people cannot be long free, nor ever happy, whose government is in one assembly.  Source: *Thoughts on Government,* Letter of John Adams  Which basic principle of American government is John Adams describing in this statement? |
| A |  | separation of powers |
| B |  | individual rights |
| C |  | natural laws |
| D |  | civic virtue |

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| Bank Item Number | | G.C.1.7.M2 |
| Benchmark | | SS.7.C.1.7 |
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| Item | | The table below describes several powers of the U.S. government.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | Senate confirms nominations | President nominates judges | Supreme Court declares laws unconstitutional | | Congress overrides vetoes | President vetoes legislation | Supreme Court hears cases between states |   Which two principles are described in this table? |
| A |  | separation of powers and checks and balances |
| B |  | separation of powers and popular sovereignty |
| C |  | federalism and judicial review |
| D |  | federalism and republicanism |

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| Bank Item Number | | G.C.1.7.M3 |
| Benchmark | | SS.7.C.1.7 |
| Cognitive Complexity | | M |
| Item | | Which principle does the U.S. Supreme Court apply when it declares an act of Congress unconstitutional? |
| A |  | separation of powers |
| B |  | checks and balances |
| C |  | advice and consent |
| D |  | executive privilege |

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| Bank Item Number | | G.C.1.7.H1 |
| Benchmark | | SS.7.C.1.7 |
| Cognitive Complexity | | H |
| Item | | Which principle supports President Eisenhower’s action to uphold the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision that public schools should be integrated? |
| A |  | judicial review |
| B |  | checks and balances |
| C |  | separation of powers |
| D |  | constitutional government |