

# Benchmark 3.3

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<b>Core Idea</b>	<b>The Structure and Function of Government as Established in Articles I, II and III of the U.S. Constitution.</b>
Focal Point #1	There are more general powers than are identified in the content focus terms such as the power to tax.
Focal Point #2	The content focus terms include specific powers articulated in Article I, Section 8. Not all powers in Article I, Section 8 are noted in the content focus terms, such as establishing post offices.
Focal Point #3	Items assessing Benchmark 3.3 do not expect students to compare forms of government; however, students will compare forms of government (that may include material from Benchmark 3.3) when their knowledge of Benchmark 3.2 is assessed.
Focal Point #4	“Necessary and proper” and “elastic clause” are synonyms and are both found in the content focus terms.
Potential Concerns	The terms “concurrent”, “delegated”, and “enumerated” are also found in Benchmark 3.4 while the terms “concurrent” and “enumerated” are found in Benchmark 3.14.

