

Interactive Foundation

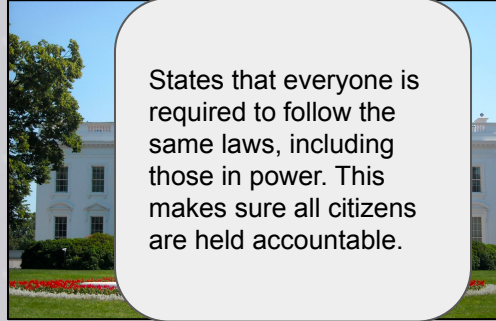
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1. Checks and balances



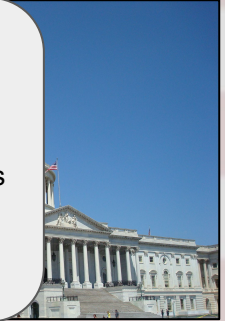
Gives each branch the power to question or argue the decision made by another branch. This ensures multiple voices and perspectives are heard when making decisions.

2. Rule of law



States that everyone is required to follow the same laws, including those in power. This makes sure all citizens are held accountable.

3. Separation of powers



Assigns each branch specific powers, functions, and structures. This ensures no branch becomes too powerful.

5.

Popular sovereignty

States that government is based on the “consent of the people.” Citizens have a voice in deciding who is elected into office to represent their interests.



“We the People”

4.

Federalism

Divides power between the national and state governments. This system reserves all powers not outlined in the U.S. Constitution for the states.



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