

## U.S. Constitution Key Terms

KEY TERMS	DEFINITION	IN YOUR WORDS	CONSTITUTIONAL EXAMPLE
<b>separation of powers</b>	the structure of the federal government that sets up three branches with their own distinct powers and responsibilities		
<b>checks and balances</b>	the ability of each branch of government to limit the power of the other branches		
<b>individual rights</b>	rights guaranteed or belonging to a person		
<b>rule of law</b>	the idea that those who govern must also follow the same laws as everyone; no one is above the law		

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<b>due process of law</b>	the idea that people accused of a crime still have individual rights, that the process of weighing their accused crimes must take place fairly, following an established standard, before they can lose either their life or freedom		
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**Question:** How do the terms above limit the powers of government?

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