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

**Question: How do the terms above limit the powers of government?**

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