



MATCHING THE SEVEN OF THE CONSTITUTION

Learning Objective: The student will match the seven principles of the U.S. Constitution to the definition.

TEKS: 7.13D; 8.15D; Govt. 7D

Materials Needed: Set(s) of the seven principles matching cards

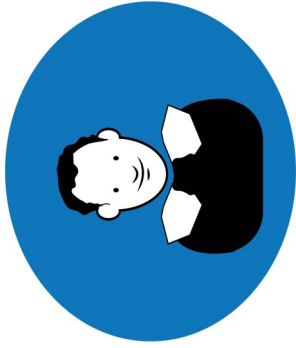
Teaching Strategy:

1. Run sets of the cards for each group of students and cut them apart.
2. Have students match the principle to the corresponding definition.
3. Additional ideas for cards:
 - a. For formative assessment purposes, have students only use the definition cards and see if they can write down the correct principle.
 - b. Give students only the terms and ask them to write the definition in their own words.



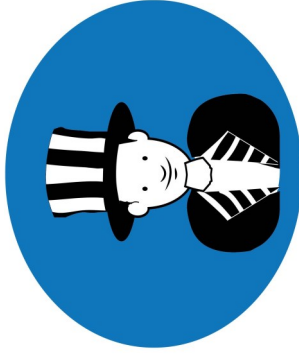
Popular Sovereignty

A government in which **people have the right to vote and change their government if it abuses their power.**



Republicanism

A form of government in which the **people exercise their power by voting for a political representative.**



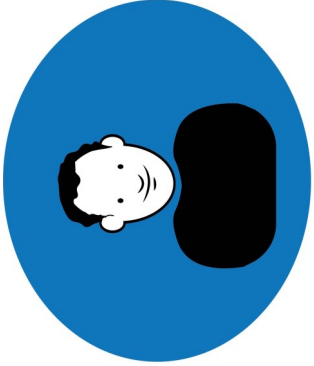
Federalism

The **power to govern is shared between the national and state government.**



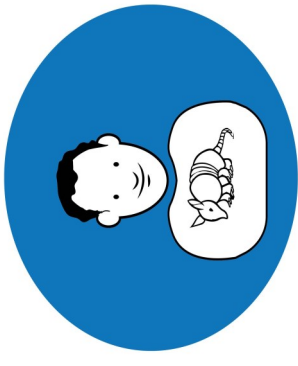
Separation of Powers

When the **power is divided among the three branches of government.**



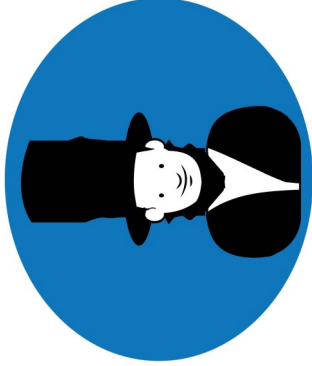
Checks and Balances

When the three branches of government have the **power to check** the other branches. This prevents any one branch from becoming too powerful.



Limited Government

Government has **limited power**. This means that even government officials must follow the law.



Individual Rights

People have rights, liberties, and privileges.