

# The "Federal" in Federalism

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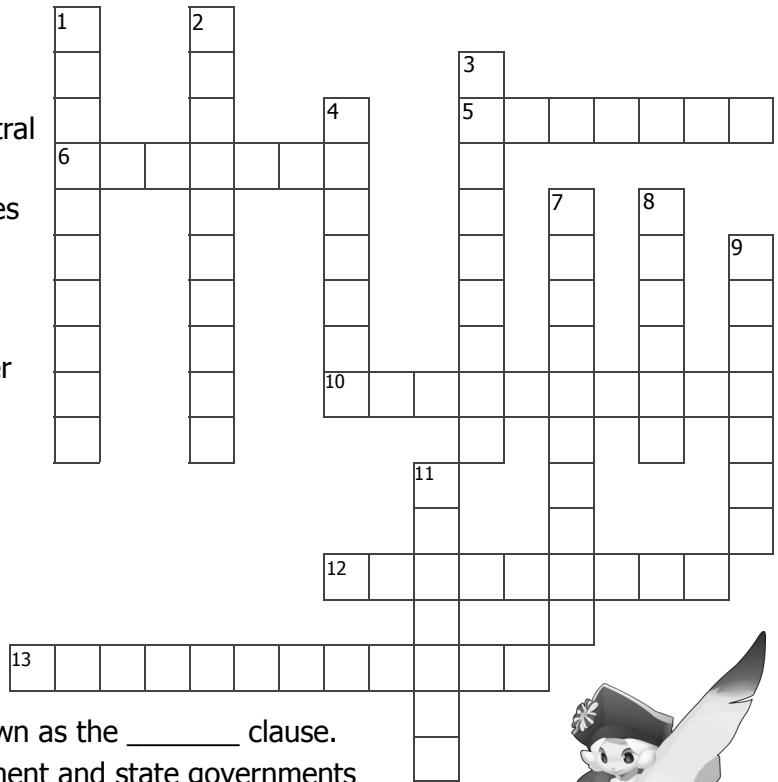
**A. Crossword.** Use what you learned in the reading to complete the crossword puzzle.

**ACROSS**

- 5. Type of government where the central government has all the power
- 6. Type of government where states and a central government share power
- 10. Special name for powers that both the states and federal government share
- 12. Powers that are actually stated in the Constitution
- 13. The federal government gets all of its power from this

**DOWN**

- 1. Type of government where the central government gets its power from the states
- 2. When America was born, each state already had one of these
- 3. Clause that says federal laws are superior to state laws
- 4. The necessary and proper clause is also known as the \_\_\_\_\_ clause.
- 7. Division of power between a central government and state governments
- 8. A word that describes the relationship of the states in America
- 9. The country that ruled the American colonies before the Revolutionary War
- 11. Powers that are not actually stated in the Constitution



**B. Strengths and Weaknesses.** Read each description of federalism. Does it describe a *strength* or a *weakness* of federalism? Label each line with an *S* for strength or *W* for weakness.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Sometimes there is disagreement about whether states or the federal government is responsible for solving a certain problem.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. When different levels of government provide the same service, the delivery of that service may not be as coordinated and efficient as possible.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Local communities often have the power to decide for themselves the best way to solve their own local problems.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Having government on the state and local levels makes it easier for citizens to engage directly with their government.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. States and the federal government sometimes blame each other when problems are not addressed well enough.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Many states experimenting with different solutions to problems makes it more likely that a good solution will be found.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Citizens can choose to live in a state whose laws and rules are similar to their own beliefs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. If a state isn't doing enough to solve a problem, the federal government may not have the power to step in and help.

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**C. Federal Powers.** Match each headline to the expressed power found in the Constitution.

Daily Debate

**A.**

**President Orders Executive Branch to Carry Out New Law!**

Daily Debate

**B.**

**Congress Says Print More \$2 Bills!**

Daily Debate

**C.**

**Supreme Court to Decide If New Ban is Constitutional**

Daily Debate

**D.**

**Congress Restricts Handguns in District of Columbia**

Daily Debate

**E.**

**President: "Troops Will Come Home"**

Daily Debate

**F.**

**Budget Falls Short; U.S. to Borrow \$10 Billion**

Daily Debate

**G.**

**Congress Extends Income Tax Cuts to Middle Class**

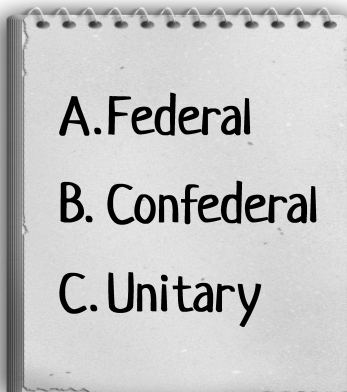
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**H.**

**Agreement Reached on New Immigration Bill!**

- \_\_\_ 1. "The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States..."
- \_\_\_ 2. "The Congress shall have the Power... to establish an uniform rule of Naturalization..."
- \_\_\_ 3. "The judicial Power shall extend to all Cases ... arising under this Constitution, the Laws of the United States, and Treaties made ... under their Authority..."
- \_\_\_ 4. "The Congress shall have the power to...coin Money..."
- \_\_\_ 5. "...he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed..."
- \_\_\_ 6. "The Congress shall have the power to lay and collect taxes on incomes..."
- \_\_\_ 7. "The Congress shall have the Power...to exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District... as may... become the Seat of the Government of the United States..."
- \_\_\_ 8. "The Congress shall have the Power... To borrow Money on the credit of the United States..."

**D. Different Governments.** Imagine you are in charge of creating a government for a brand new country! Which system would you choose if...



- \_\_\_ 1. You want the central government to have the most power?
- \_\_\_ 2. You want laws to be the same throughout the country?
- \_\_\_ 3. You want the central government to have the least power?
- \_\_\_ 4. You want individual states to keep as much independence as possible?
- \_\_\_ 5. You want both national laws and state laws to exist?
- \_\_\_ 6. You don't care whether individual states have any power?
- \_\_\_ 7. You want a balance between power in the states and the central government?
- \_\_\_ 8. You want there to be few, if any, national laws?