



As we have been learning in this series, the men who wrote our Constitution were very concerned about power. They knew that our country’s first laws, the **Articles of Confederation**, did not give the national government enough power. (The Articles of Confederation were the laws that united the states together after the Revolution.) The articles had given too much power to the states.

In many ways, each state acted like a separate country. Strong national laws that were fair to everyone were needed to bind the country together. The writers of the



Constitution set up what is called a **federal** system of government. It divides powers between the national government and the state governments.

As an American, you are a citizen of both the United States and the state in which you live.

Reserved powers

Under our federal type of government, the states are free to keep certain powers. Some limits were put on the U. S. government in the Bill of Rights of 1791.

10th Amendment
The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

The 10th Amendment makes it very clear that the powers not given to the national government are **reserved**, or saved, for the states.

For example, states have the power to set up a system to educate their people. But states are denied the right to print their own money and to make treaties with other governments.

Both the U.S. and state governments are given the power to:

- collect taxes.
- borrow money.
- take private property for public use after paying a fair price.



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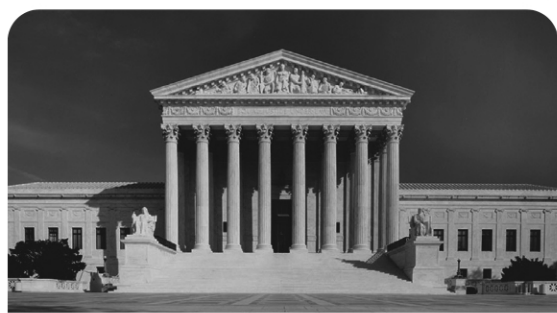


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Article III

Article III of the Constitution is about the **judicial branch** (the courts). It has three sections.

Section 1

Judicial power will rest in the Supreme Court and the other courts.

Section 2

This section establishes rules about what kinds of cases the Supreme Court can consider. Some disputes can go directly to the highest court, while others must be heard on **appeal**, or after they’ve gone through lower courts.

This section also guarantees Americans a trial by jury in criminal court.

Section 3

Section 3 explains what the delegates meant by **treason**: bringing war against the United States or helping enemies of the country.

Resources



On the Web:

- youtu.be/uihNc_tdGbK

At the library:

- “What Is the Constitution?” by Patricia Brennan Demuth
- “Fault Lines in the Constitution: The Framers, Their Fights and the Flaws That Affect Us Today” by Cynthia Levinson and Sanford Levinson.

Try ‘n’ Find

Words that remind us of federalism are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



APPEAL, ARTICLES, BRANCH, CONFEDERATION, COURT, DELEGATE, FEDERAL, JUDICIAL, LIMITS, MONEY, NATIONAL, POWER, PROHIBIT, RESERVED, STATE, STRONG, SUPREME, TAX, TREASON.

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O P I V P R O H I B I T A S E
N P L A R E D E F L U X T P D
J A C O N F E D E R A T I O N

Cook’s Corner

Peanut Butter Ice Cream Pie

You’ll need:

- 1.5-quart container reduced-fat vanilla ice cream
- 15 miniature chocolate peanut butter candies

- 1 prepared chocolate pie crust
- chocolate or caramel sauce as desired



What to do:

1. Spoon ice cream into a large glass bowl; microwave for 25 seconds to soften.
 2. Cut miniature peanut butter chocolate candies into fourths (60 pieces).
 3. Stir candies into softened ice cream and distribute evenly.
 4. Spoon ice cream mixture into prepared pie crust. Freeze until well set.
 5. Drizzle chocolate sauce or caramel sauce over ice cream before serving.
- Serves 6 to 8.

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

1. house made of logs (5) _____
2. it is surrounded by water (6) _____
3. singer Camila (7) _____
4. storm with high winds (9) _____
5. not filled in (5) _____
6. line between two countries (6) _____
7. property-buying board game (8) _____

DER	RIC	ISL	CAB
AND	BOR	OP	BLA
MON	CA	ANE	OLY
NK	ELLO	BIN	HUR

Answers: cabin, island, Cabello, hurricane, blank, border, Monopoly.



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Mini Jokes



Judy: What did the judge say to the dentist?

James: “Do you swear to pull the tooth, the whole tooth, and nothing but the tooth?”

Eco Note



Summer’s here, but the coronavirus is still among us. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers these tips for enjoying summer:

- **Do** follow rules at your local playground.
- **Do** use swimming pools, but keep 6 feet away from others.
- **Do** visit nearby parks, but not if they’re crowded.
- **Don’t** participate in organized sports such as basketball, baseball or soccer.

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For later:

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