**Six Principles of the Constitution**

**Popular Sovereignty**

* Basic principle of the American system of government which asserts that the people are the source of any and all governmental power, and government can exist only with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Limited Government**

* Basic principle of the American government which states that government is restricted in what it may do, and each individual has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that government cannot take away

**Separation of Powers**

* Basic principle of the American system of government, that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ powers are divided among three independent and coequal branches of government

**Checks and Balances**

* System of overlapping the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches to permit each \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to check the actions of the others

**Judicial Review**

* The powers of a court to determine the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a governmental action

**Federalism**

* A system of government in which a written constitution divides power between a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or national, government and several regional, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , governments