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| Class Notes / PowerPoint Presentation / Textbook Notes  **American Government**  Name:  Class:  Date:  **Chapter 3: The Constitution / Section 1: Main Principles of the Constitution** | |
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| **ESSENTIAL**  **QUESTION** | **How has the Constitution lasted through changing times?** |
| **FOCUS QUESTION** | **What are the 6 main principles upon which the U.S. Constitution is built? What are the relationships between each of the 6 principles & how do they work together?** |
| **Objectives** | 1. Understand the basic outline of the Constitution. 2. Understand the six basic principles of the Constitution: popular sovereignty, limited government, separation of powers, checks and balances, judicial review, and federalism. |
| **Key Terms** |  |
| **popular sovereignty** | the political principle that people are the source of all governmental power and that government requires the consent of the governed |
| **limited government** | the idea that government may only do those things that the people have given it the power to do |
| **Constitutionalism** | the idea that government must be conducted according to constitutional principles |
| **rule of law** | the principle that government and its officers must always  obey the laws of the land |
| **separation of powers** | the principle that each of the basic powers of government—executive, legislative, and judicial—should be wielded by an independent branch of government |
| **checks and balances** | the system under which each branch of government can check, or limit, the actions of the other branches |
| **veto** | to reject an act of Congress |
| **judicial review** | the power of a court to determine whether a government action is constitutional or not |
| **Introduction** | * **What are the six main principles on which the Constitution is based?** |
| **Outline of the Constitution** |  |
| **The 6 Constitutional Principles** |  |
| 1. **Popular Sovereignty** | **Example:** |
| 1. **Limited Government** | **Example:** |
| 1. **Separation of Powers** | **Example:** |
| ***CHECKPOINT!*** | **How does the separation of powers keep government from becoming too powerful?** |
| 1. **Checks and Balances** | **Example:** |
| 1. **Judicial Review** | **Example:** |
| 1. **Federalism** | **Federalism is a compromise between an all-powerful central government and an independent state government.**  **Example:** |
|  | **Why might the Constitution give the power to regulate trade among the States to the Federal Government?** |
| ***CHECKPOINT!***  ***\**Relationships: The 6 Constitutional Principles** | **DIRECTIONS:** Describe the relationship between the **6 Main Principles of the U.S. Constitution**. How do the principles work together in support of one another? Explain by completing the missing information below. Use each principle & provide an explanation of the relationship between the two principles you’ve selected for parts A, B & C below.  **A).**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supports \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **B).**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supports \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **C).**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ supports \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |