

## Warmup



### Is the federal system the best way to govern the United States?

**A.** The words *E Pluribus Unum* first appeared on U.S. coins in 1795. The Latin phrase also appears on the Great Seal of the United States. Its translation is “out of many, one.” What is the meaning of this motto for our nation?

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**B.** Picture the flag of the United States. What is the symbolism of the 50 stars together on the ocean-blue rectangle?

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**C.** Given what you know about how the U.S. government runs, do you think this symbolism is fitting? Explain.

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**D.** Which of the following images best reflects the relationship between the State governments and the National Government: a ship and its sails; a building and its columns; a tree and its branches? Explain your answer.

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# Exploration

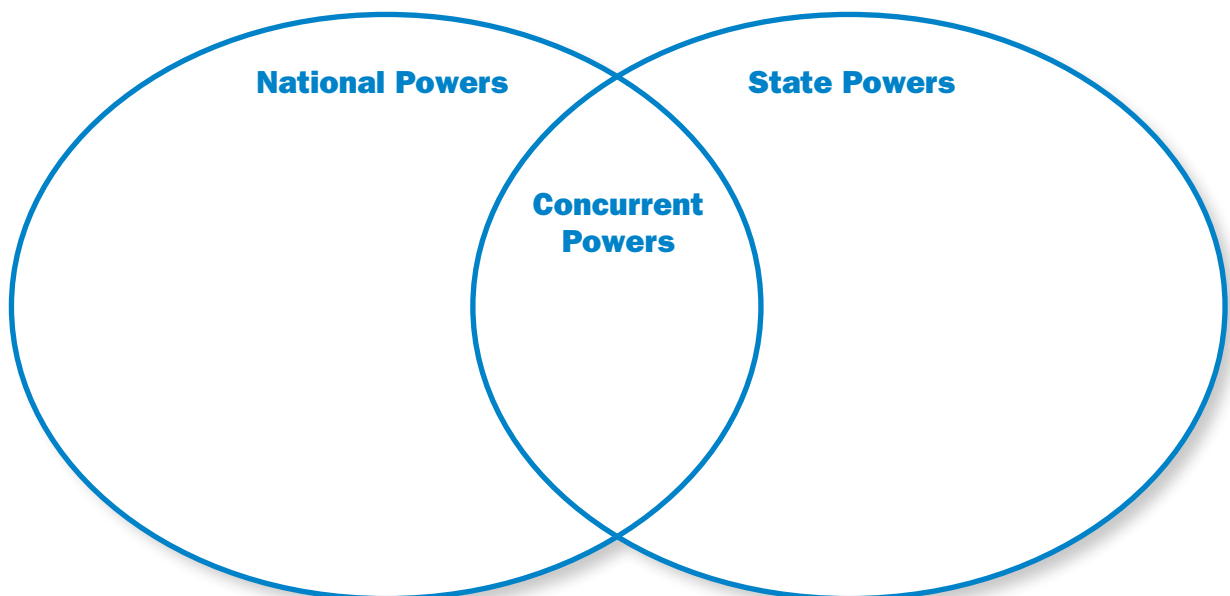
## I. The Powers of Congress

### ➔ Find Out

**A.** Read Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution. Then list the most important expressed powers of Congress.

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**B.** Use your print or online textbook or other sources to review the national, State, and concurrent powers. Then complete the Venn diagram below.



## II. The National Government and the Fifty States

### Find Out

- A.** What are the three most basic obligations of the National Government to the States?  
Use your print or online textbook or other sources to identify and define each one.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### What Do You Think?

- B.** How do the obligations of the National Government help to protect the federal system?

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### Find Out

- C.** Review the three following areas of inter-governmental cooperation. Then define and give an example of each one.

**1. Federal Grants-in-Aid**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Revenue Sharing**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. State Aid to National Government**

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

### What Do You Think?

- D.** How do these financial arrangements help to protect the federal system?

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## III. Interstate Relations

### Find Out

- A.** Several provisions of the Constitution deal with the States' relationships with one another. Use your print or online textbook or other sources to help you define the following provisions and give an example of each one. Then explain how each provision helps to protect the federal system.

<b>Interstate Compacts</b> Definition:  Example:	<b>Protects the federal system by:</b>
<b>Full Faith and Credit</b> Definition:  Example:	<b>Protects the federal system by:</b>
<b>Extradition</b> Definition:  Example:	<b>Protects the federal system by:</b>
<b>Privileges and Immunities</b> Definition:  Example:	<b>Protects the federal system by:</b>

### What Do You Think?

- B.** Which provision is most important in preventing conflict among the States? Why?

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# Apply What You've Learned Activity

How could your community benefit from a federal grant? Use the table below to summarize the results of your research for your proposed community grant from the Federal Government, as outlined in the Apply What You've Learned questions in your print or online textbook.

<p>What type of grant is most needed in your community and why?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Block</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Categorical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Project</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>What kinds of agencies, departments, and/or organizations would benefit from the grant you selected?</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>How much money is available from this grant?</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>What requirements are there for receiving this grant?</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

**A.** What kind of conditions might be attached to your grant?

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**B.** How did you determine which part of your community would benefit most?

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## Essay



### Is the federal system the best way to govern the United States?

As you read the quotations about federalism below, keep in mind the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation. Also remember why the States feared a strong Federal Government after the Revolution.

**This balance between the National and State governments ought to be dwelt on with peculiar attention, as it is of the utmost importance. It forms a double security to the people. If one encroaches on their rights they will find a powerful protection in the other.**

— Alexander Hamilton, 1788 Speech to the New York Ratifying Convention

**The operations of the federal government will be most extensive and important in times of war and danger; those of the State governments, in times of peace and security.**

— James Madison, Federalist No. 45, 1788



### What Do You Think?

What is your opinion? Write a response to the Essential Question, **Is the federal system the best way to govern the United States?** Consider your thoughts on the quotations above, the Guiding Questions in your textbook, and the activities you have done in your Journal. See page 219 for a rubric on writing an Essential Question essay.



### Don't Forget

Your answer to this question will help you think about the Unit 1 Essential Question: **What should be the goals of government?**