

Viewing Guide

Homework Help: Federalism

Guiding Questions

- ☐ How does the principle of federalism balance power between the national and state governments?
- ☐ How did the division of power for the United States shape early American history?

Objectives

- ☐ I can explain the principle of federalism and how it balances the power between state and federal governments.
- ☐ I can explain how the division of power between state and federal government shaped early American history.

Resources

Video Link: <https://billofrightsinstitute.org/videos/federalism-homework-help>

Directions: Watch the video, pausing at the timestamps listed below to reflect on each prompt and respond.

Time and Question	Response
:00-50 Draw a stick figure of yourself surrounded by examples of laws you have to follow. Consider local, state, and national laws.	
0:52 Define Federalism.	
0:53-2:05 What was the first governing document of the United States called? Identify four crises the first government could not handle.	

2:06-3:24 What worried the Anti-Federal-ists about the newly planned replacement government?	
3:25-4:00 How did Federalists defend the new Constitution's protections of state powers?	
4:02- 4:40 What other debates between state and federal powers have arisen throughout American history?	

Reflection Questions

1. Why did the Founders choose a federal system rather than giving all power to the national government?

2. How does the principle of federalism help balance power between state and federal governments?

3. In what ways did the division of power between state and federal governments shape key events in early American history?

4. Give an example of federalism in action today in your state or community.
