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Seven Principles of the Constitution

Read the Preamble to the Constitution below. Then explain how each of the seven principles of the Constitution support the framers' words.

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

1. Popular sovereignty

2. Republicanism



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3. Federalism

4. Separation of powers

5. Checks and balances

6. Limited government



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7. Individual rights
