



**AP U.S. Government and Politics**

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The Limitations on Government

Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Leveled Assessment: \_\_\_\_/4

Score: \_\_\_\_/5

Directions: Go over the “Limitations on the Federal Government” Notes and use the Cornell Note format below to actually take notes. Once you are finished fill out the graphic organizers for the ideas of Federalism and Checks and Balances below.

Limitations on Government Cornell Notes	
Key Points	Details
Constitutionalism	
Popular Sovereignty	
Republicanism	
Referendums	
Checks and Balance	
Protections from the People	
Summary:	

## Understanding Federalism

Directions: Use your textbook to list and explain the powers of the Federal, State, and Local Governments. You will need to separate them out based on which division actually has the power to exercise that power. Place the powers that are shared by all the divisions in the center box.

Federalism Graphic Organizer	
Powers Reserved for the Federal Government	
Powers Shared by the Federal, State, and Local Governments	
Powers Reserved for State and Local Governments	

### Thought Questions:

1. Which division of government seems to have the most direct influence over you? Explain your answer
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Read Article VI of the constitution and connect it to the idea of Federalism.

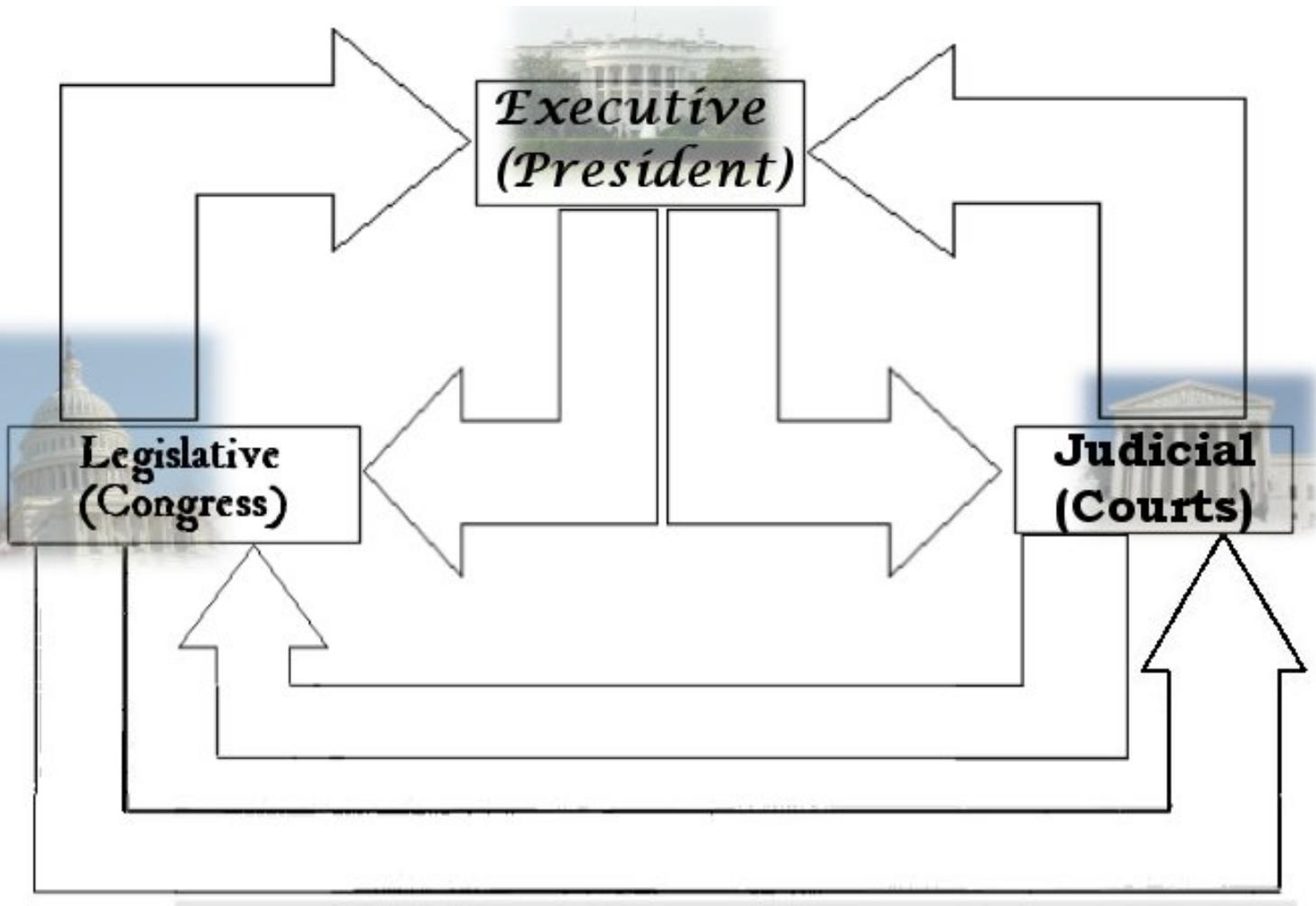
#### **Article VI**

All debts contracted and engagements entered into, before the adoption of this Constitution, shall be as valid against the United States under this Constitution, as under the Confederation.

This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding.

## Understanding Checks and Balances

Directions: Use your textbook and notes online to fill out the graphic organizer below with the different checks and balances that the different branches of government have over one another.



### Thought Questions:

1. Based on the ideas of Checks and Balances which branch would you say seems to have the most authority? Explain your reasoning.
2. Do you think the system of Checks and Balances do more good? Or does it just make the government inefficient? Explain your reasoning.