

# **The Basic Purposes and Layout of the Constitution**

## **Constitutional Principles**

Limited Government

Popular sovereignty

Federalism

Separation of powers

Checks and balances

Judicial review

## **What is the layout of the Constitution?**

Article 1 – The legislative branch

Enumerated powers: sec. 1-18

Elastic clause – Section 18 – Congress can make “necessary and proper” laws to carry out the other powers.

Examples of powers – create laws, levy taxes, and borrow money

Article 2 – the Executive branch

Commander in Chief – A2,S2

Appoints department heads, Senate approves

Article 3- the Judicial branch

Judicial review – Marbury v. Madison (1803)

Life term – why? – cannot be affected by politics

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**What are the Constitutional Principles?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
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**What is included in the first 3 articles of the Constitution?**

Article 1 - \_\_\_\_\_  
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Article 2 - \_\_\_\_\_  
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Article 3 - \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Identify the Article and Section in which 3 Principles are supported.**

Principle	Article/Section	Reason
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____