

**American Government Unit 2 – Study Guide**  
Foundations of American Government

**Define**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Representative Government</li><li>2. Separation of Powers</li><li>3. Checks and balances</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Federalism</li><li>5. Independent Judiciary</li><li>6. Civil Liberties</li><li>7. Civil Rights</li></ol> |
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**List and define**

8. The guiding principles of the Constitution

**Answer in complete sentences**

9. What ideas gave birth to the world's first modern democratic nation?
10. How and why did the framers distribute power in the Constitution? (Explain the branches of the U.S. Government)
11. Explain the difference between enumerated and implied powers and describe how the Constitution establishes both.
12. How are your rights defined and protected under the Constitution?
13. Explain the difference between strict and loose construction of the constitution.
14. How does power flow through our federal system of government?
15. What are the benefits and drawbacks of a federal system?