

Teaching Six Big Ideas in the Constitution

19 TAC Chapter 113, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies, Subchapter B, Middle School

In Grade 8

Students examine the American beliefs and principles, including

- limited government,
- checks and balances,
- federalism,
- separation of powers,

reflected in the U.S. Constitution and other historical documents.

(4) History

The student understands significant political and economic issues of the revolutionary era. The student is expected to:

(D) analyze the issues of the Philadelphia Convention of 1787, including major compromises and arguments for and against ratification.

(16) Government

The student understands the American beliefs and principles reflected in the U.S. Constitution ...

(D) analyze how the U.S. Constitution reflects the principles of: limited government, republicanism, checks and balances, federalism, separation of powers, popular sovereignty.

(18) Government

The student understands the dynamic nature of the powers of the national government and state governments in a federal system. The student is expected to:

(A) analyze the arguments of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists, including those of Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry, James Madison, and George Mason;