Reviewing the Constitution’s
Big Ideas with Primary Sources
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Reflection Questions

Name: __________________________________________________________

Instructions: Answer the following reflection questions when you have completed both of the Graphic Organizers. Be prepared to share your responses with the full class.

1. What is an example of checks and balances other than the one used in this lesson?

2. What is a practical example from your everyday experience of government that demonstrates the concept of federalism?

3. Explain in your own words how the Constitution limits government?

4. What is a practical way that people can experience the concept of popular sovereignty in civic life?

5. What is an advantage and disadvantage of a government based on the concept of separation of powers?

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