

The Constitution

Vocabulary Builder

Section 1

popular sovereignty	limited government	rule of law
checks and balances	separation of powers	veto
judicial review	unconstitutional	federalism

DIRECTIONS On the line provided before each statement, write **T** if a statement is true and **F** if a statement is false. If the statement is false, use the line provided after each sentence to write the correct term that makes the sentence a true statement.

_____ 1. At the heart of American democracy is popular sovereignty, the idea that government gets its authority from the people it governs.

_____ 2. The executive branch retains the power of veto as part of the system of judicial review.

_____ 3. A law or action that violates the Constitution is said to be unconstitutional.

_____ 4. The Framers sought to distribute the powers of government between state and national governments according to the principle of federalism.

DIRECTIONS Answer each question by writing a sentence that contains at least one word from the word bank.

5. What is judicial review?

6. Explain how voting helps protect limited government and promote the rule of law.

