

GUIDED READING

A Place Called Mississippi

Chapter 13: Federal and State Government

Section 1 Basic Principles of American Government

Directions: Use the information from pages 347 - 350 to complete the following.

1. After the _____ colonies won their independence from Great Britain, they adopted the _____, a constitution that established a weak national government.
2. American statesmen soon realized that a loosely constructed _____ could not promote the general welfare of the young nation.
3. In 1787, a convention of delegates from the various states met in Philadelphia, _____, to establish a _____ of _____.
4. The convention rejected the _____ system, but most delegates agreed that some form of _____ was necessary.
5. After much discussion and compromise, the delegates to the Philadelphia convention, known as the "_____", drafted the United States _____, which created a federal system of government.
6. _____ is a system of government in which the _____ and _____ governments _____.

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7. The genius of American government is the separation of powers into the _____, _____, and _____ branches and the division of powers into the federal, state, and local levels.
8. The United States _____ is the supreme _____.
9. In the United States, the people are _____ (possessing supreme power) and are the source of power and authority.
10. The _____ officials to specific _____ in _____, and those officials _____ only by the _____ of the governed.
11. To set up a system of _____ and _____ and to _____ the _____ of _____, the Founding Fathers established three separate branches and various levels of government.
12. Each _____ and each _____ is _____ in its _____ and authority.
13. In order to promote the general welfare, the Constitution gave the government the _____ to take _____ from citizens for _____.
14. This is called _____.
15. _____ and _____ prohibit people from _____ and _____ from someone else's writings, paintings, and inventions.

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16. When the Founding Fathers completed the Constitution in 1787, some delegates complained that the document did not _____ (list) the specific _____ of American citizens.
17. In 1791, the delegates added and adopted the first ten amendments known as the _____. [These amendments enumerate the rights of American citizenship.]