

Handout A: Background Essay - What is a Federal Republic?

1. Federalism is the principle that people delegate certain powers to the national government in the Constitution. All those powers not delegated to the national government remain with the states and the people.
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3. The Fourteenth Amendment limited the types of laws states could pass. Eventually, the Supreme Court began applying Bill of Rights limitations to state governments via the Fourteenth Amendment. The Seventeenth Amendment ended state representation in the U.S. Congress.
4. Accept reasoned answers.