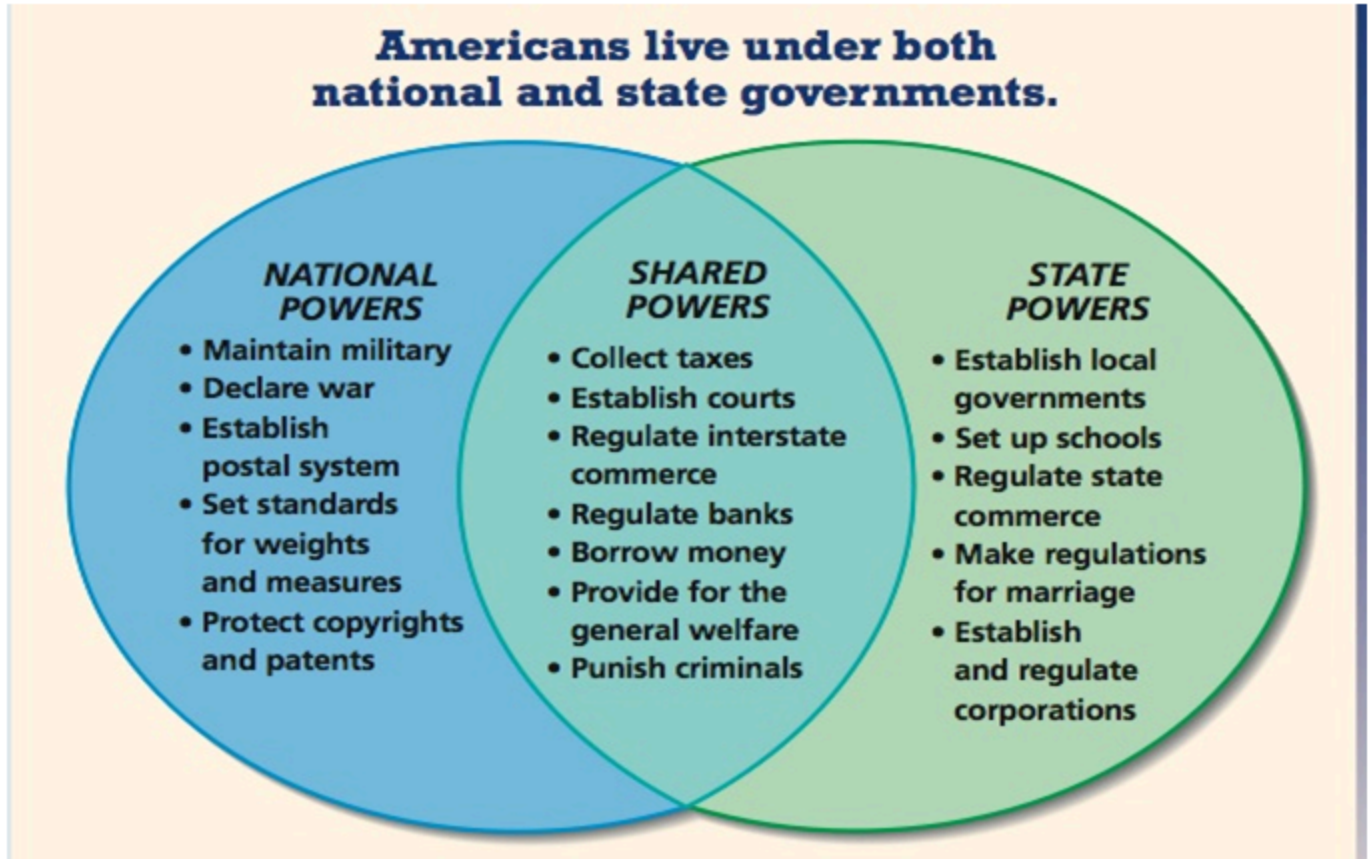


The Federal System

Under the Bill of Rights, the 10th Amendment gives the the state governments any power that is not given to our national government in the United States Constitution. This sharing of government responsibilities between local and national governments is what's known as a Federal System of Governance.

Directions: Read each statement and write an 'X' in the appropriate box to determine whether each power belongs to the state governments, federal government or both.



Question	State	Federal	Both
Who has the power to declare war?			
Who has the power to establish courts?			
Who has the power to determine who can get married?			
Who has the power to build new schools?			
Who has the power to start and regulate corporations?			
Who has the power to print and coin money?			
Who has the power to collect taxes?			

Who has the power to open post offices?			
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Directions: Answer each of the following questions using complete sentences.

1.) One of the powers that both governments have is to “make and enforce laws.” Would both governments make and enforce the same types of laws? Explain.

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2.) Would the federal government set the speed limit for the street where you live?

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3.) One of the powers of a state government is that of establishing local governments. What are examples of local governments that might be established by the state government?

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4.) Why is it a good idea that only the federal government can declare war? What might happen if that power was instead given to state governments?

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