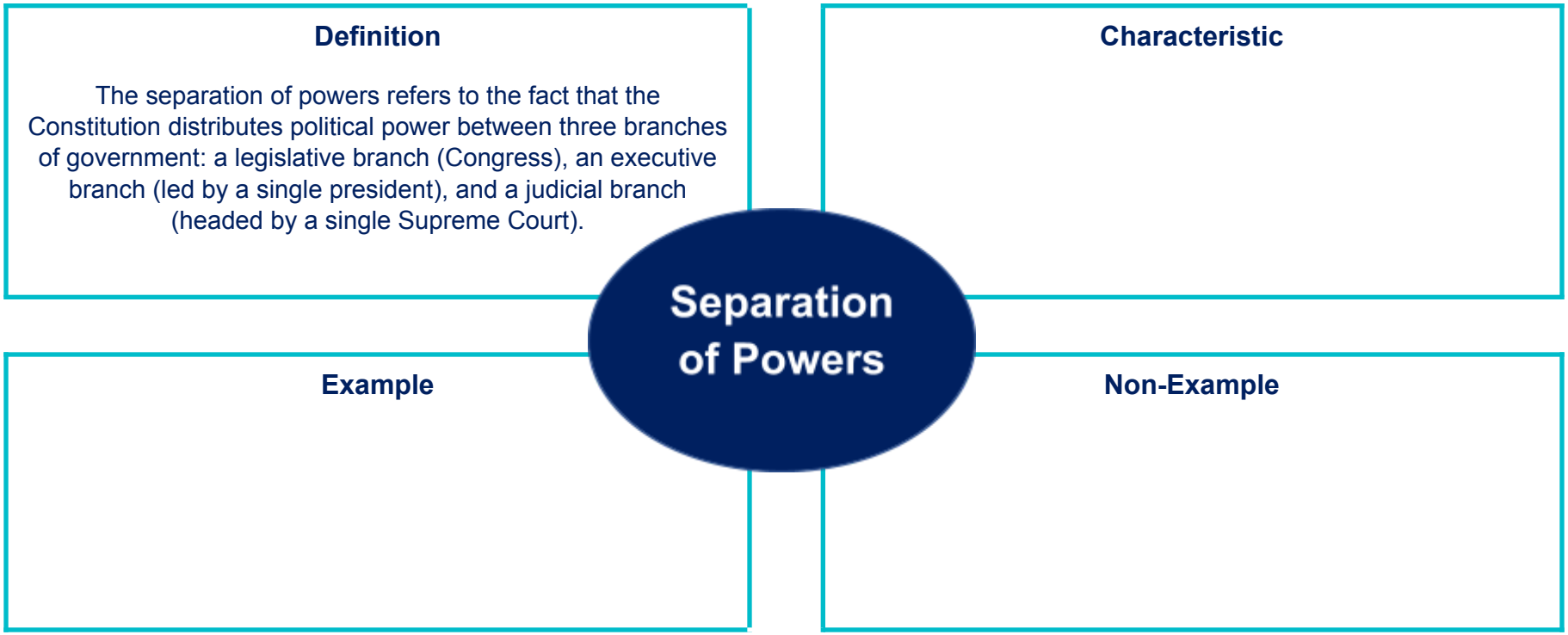
SEPARATION OF POWERS, CHECKS AND BALANCES, AND FEDERALISM

Complete the chart below to examine the principles of the separation of powers, checks and balances, and federalism, you will engage with key principles that continue to drive our constitutional system today.



Checks and Balances

Definition

The Constitution sets up a system of checks and balances—granting each branch of government the power to check abuses by the other branches.

Characteristic

Example

Non-Example

Definition

Federalism is the word used to describe the Constitution's system of dividing political power between the national government and the states.

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