**Principles of the Constitution**

Each statement below illustrates one of the seven principles of the Constitution. Read each

statement then identify the principle involved.

Principles: **Popular Sovereignty, Republic, Limited Government, Federalism, Separation of Powers, Checks and Balances, Individual Rights**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The power to govern comes from the people.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The people elect representatives to make laws and conduct government.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Only Congress can make laws for the nation.

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The President and all other government officials must obey the law like all American citizens.

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Supreme Court declares a law unconstitutional.

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congress cannot make a law that violates freedom of speech.

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The powers of the national government are distributed among three branches of government.

8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The government cannot arrest a person unless that person has violated a law.

9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Only state and local governments supervise the public school system

10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Senate rejects a treaty that the President has negotiated.

11. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The President can veto a bill that has been approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate.

12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Only the President is commander in chief of the military.

13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ States make the marriage laws for their state.

14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The national and state governments can conduct elections.

15. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congress passes a law forbidding gay marriage, but the Supreme Court declares it unconstitutional.

16. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congress can impeach and remove the President for improper conduct.

17. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Only Congress can coin money.

18. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Governments get their power from the consent of the governed.

19. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Government has only those powers granted by the people and stated in the Constitution

**Seeing the Principles in our Government Today**

Each of the following phrases describes a situation dealing with one of the Principles of the Constitution. Next to each statement, state which Principle it relates to by using the letters listed below.

**A. Popular Sovereignty B. Limited Government C. Separation of Powers**

**D. Checks and Balances E. Individual Rights F. Federalism G. Republic**

\_\_\_\_ 1. The people decide to recall a governor of a state because he is breaking the law.

\_\_\_\_ 2. The President orders a drone bomb strike against Syrian rebels.

\_\_\_\_ 3. Congress overrides President Obama’s veto and the bill becomes a law.

\_\_\_\_ 4. "Congress shall make no law" denying individual freedoms of the 1st Amendment

\_\_\_\_ 5. Requirements of schools are different state to state.

\_\_\_\_ 6. President Obama wants to declare war on Iran, Congress states only they can declare wars.

\_\_\_\_ 7. President Bush’s first nominee to the Supreme Court was not approved by the Senate.

\_\_\_\_ 8. "We the people of the United States…"

\_\_\_\_ 9. In Kentucky, people pay both a State and Federal Income Tax.

\_\_\_\_ 10. Government may exercise only those powers delegated to it.

\_\_\_\_ 11. Supreme Court declares an action of the President Unconstitutional.

\_\_\_\_ 12. Government can govern only with the consent of the governed.

\_\_\_\_ 13. A person is allowed to walk down the street with a gun.

\_\_\_\_ 14. The Supreme Court has declared more than 900 state laws as unconstitutional.

\_\_\_\_15. A person is arrested for tweeting that President Obama is doing a terrible job.

\_\_\_\_\_16. People elect representatives to go to Congress on their behalf.