

Chart: Main Concepts of the Constitution

Directions: Please complete the chart below exploring the three main concepts of the Constitution as well as those concepts that make the Constitution a flexible document..

Make sure that you give definition of each concept, cite a few examples of each, explain why each is an important concept, cite three examples of what the government would be like without each of the concepts, and finally evaluate which concept is most important.

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<p><i>Without this concept, give two <u>specific</u> examples of how the government might work differently?</i></p>			
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