

Reading Notes: Principles of the Constitution

Use p. 244-247 to answer/ take notes on the seven principles of the Constitution.

1. Popular Sovereignty: Who gives the government its power?
The preamble to the Constitution with its "We the People," clearly spells out the source of the government's power. The Constitution rests on the idea of a government in which the people rule.
2. Republicanism: How are people's views represented in government?
The people exercise their power by voting for their political representatives. Civic Republicanism is the idea that citizens stay informed about politics and participate in the process.
3. Federalism: How is power shared? (Also: draw diagram on p. 262)
Through the system of federalism, power is divided between a central government and smaller political units, such as states.
Federalism (p.262)

