

## Federalism Classification Activity<sup>1</sup>

**Federalism:**  
 A system in which power is divided between local, state, and national governments.

**Instructions:** Classify the following powers in the chart. Take the time to consider which category *should* be the 'most appropriate' based on the description and your personal feelings. Work independently until you finish, then, check your answers against your neighbors. Highlight each one you marked differently.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•declare and engage in war</li> <li>•conduct elections</li> <li>•print and coin money</li> <li>•govern marriage laws</li> <li>•maintain an army, navy, and air force</li> <li>•regulate interstate and foreign commerce</li> <li>•regulate intrastate commerce</li> <li>•punish lawbreakers</li> <li>•levy and collect taxes</li> <li>•protect the rights of citizens</li> <li>•set traffic standards</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•admit new states</li> <li>•provide for public safety</li> <li>•borrow money</li> <li>•establish and maintain schools</li> <li>•negotiate treaties with foreign countries</li> <li>•protect public health</li> <li>•determine the qualifications of voters</li> <li>•set up a post office</li> <li>•set rules for immigration</li> <li>•maintain the state militia (National Guard)</li> </ul> |
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<b>Powers of the <i>National</i> Government</b>	<b>Powers <i>Shared</i> by the State and National Governments</b>	<b>Powers of the <i>State</i> Governments</b>

<sup>1</sup> Answer key @ <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/supremecourt/educators/print/lp1-org3.html>

## **Answer Key: Federalism Classification Activity**

After you've seen the answer key, make sure you have all of the correct answers here – it will serve as a study guide for the Constitution test.

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Also known as...	Also known as...	Also know as...