

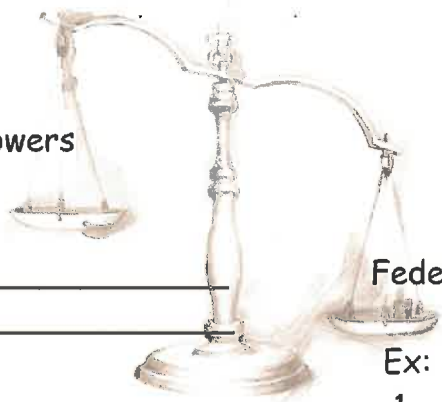
Name \_\_\_\_\_ The Lasting Constitution

*Essential Question: Why has the U.S. Constitution lasted for over 220 years?*

Answer: The U.S. Constitution has proved to be a long-lasting plan for our government. This is because it has five important characteristics.

1. It is a \_\_\_\_\_
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| Can be amended          | Written in broad terms |
| Has an "elastic clause" |                        |

2. It is based on the idea of \_\_\_\_\_



State Powers

Ex:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Powers

Ex:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. There is a system of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_



Limiting the power of each branch

4. There is the \_\_\_\_\_

Protection for citizen rights and freedoms

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ have \_\_\_\_\_ in the government.



Can vote for representatives



Can run for public office

Can suggest ideas for laws



Can take the gov't to court



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### *The Important Thing*

The important thing about the U.S. Constitution is:

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BUT... The important thing about the \_\_\_\_\_ is:

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