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*Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.*

- bill of attainder** ..... a law that sentences a person to jail without a trial
- checks and balances** ..... each of the three branches of government is given the means to check or limit the actions of the other branches
- concurrent powers** ..... powers which are shared by the national government and the state governments
- delegated powers** ..... powers given to the national government by the Constitution
- denied powers** ..... powers which the Constitution expressly forbids either the national or state governments
- elastic clause** ..... statement in the Constitution which gives Congress any necessary additional powers needed to carry out its duties
- executive branch** ..... the body of government that carries out the laws
- ex post facto** ..... a law which makes an action illegal after it has taken place

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- federal system or federalism** ..... a form of government that divides power between the national and state levels
- habeas corpus** ..... right of a person accused of a crime to be brought before a judge
- implied powers** ..... powers given to the national government which are not directly stated in the Constitution
- judicial branch** ..... the body of government that interprets laws (the courts)
- judicial review** ..... the power of the courts to declare laws unconstitutional
- legislative branch** ..... the body of government that makes the laws
- popular sovereignty** ..... rule by the people
- principle** ..... basic idea or belief
- ratify** ..... approve
- reserved powers** ..... powers given to the state governments

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- separation of powers** ..... division of government for the purpose of checks and balances so that no one person or group of people becomes too powerful
- veto** ..... the President's right to reject a bill passed by Congress