



Unit 9:

Reconstruction

Lesson 7:

The Constitution of 1876

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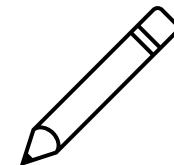
Texas State Library & Archives

Warm-up:

Follow the directions to complete your warm-up



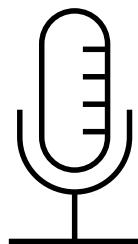
- Read the introduction scenario on your warm-up.



- Select all statements that you think are true, related to the Constitution of 1876.
- Share with a partner.



Share with the class



One statement that I think is true for the type of Constitution the delegates wanted to create is that _____

Essential Question

What are the seven principles of government that provide the foundation of the Texas Constitution of 1876, and how did the Constitution uphold those principles?

In today's lesson...

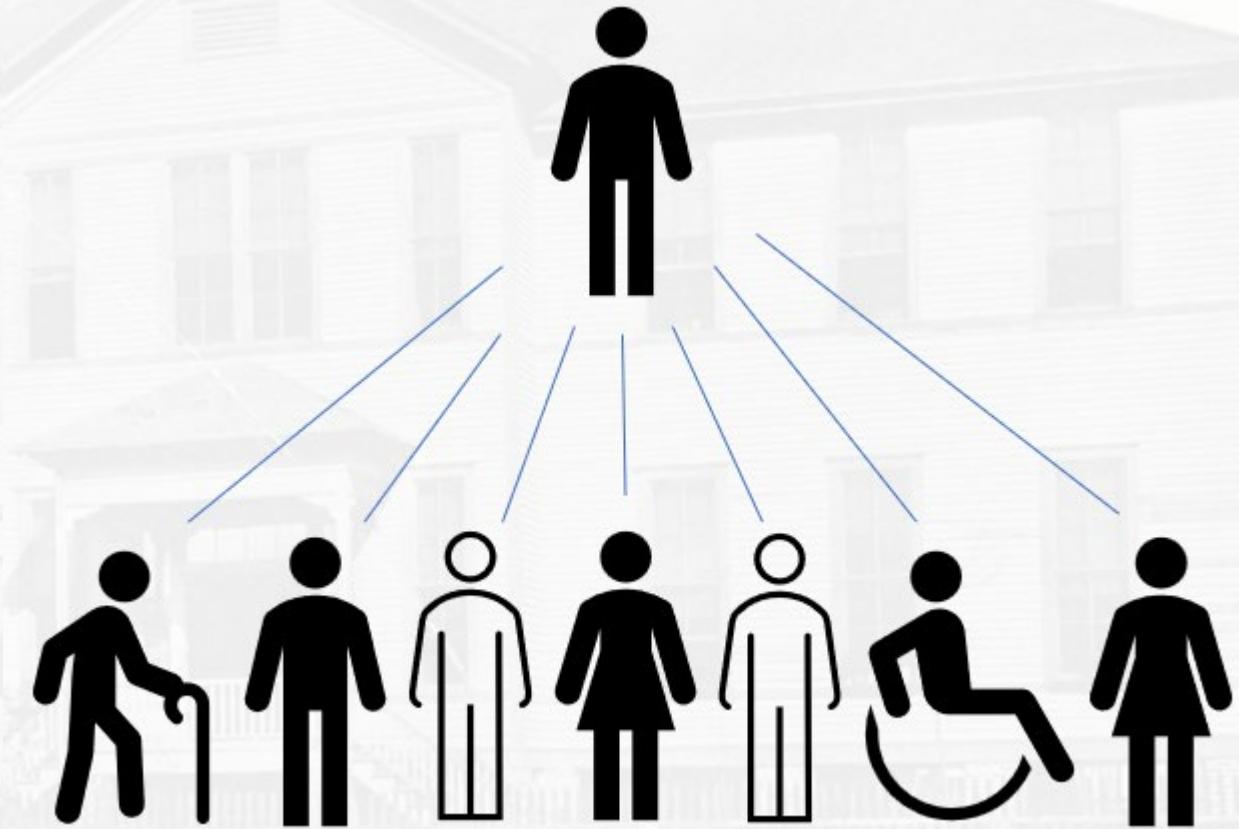
1. **We will** examine the meaning and important seven key principles of government.
2. **I will** categorize different excerpts from the Texas Constitution of 1876 based on the principles they uphold or represent.

Limited Government





Republicanism





The Capitol Building
The Legislative Branch
Austin, Texas
The Portal to Texas History



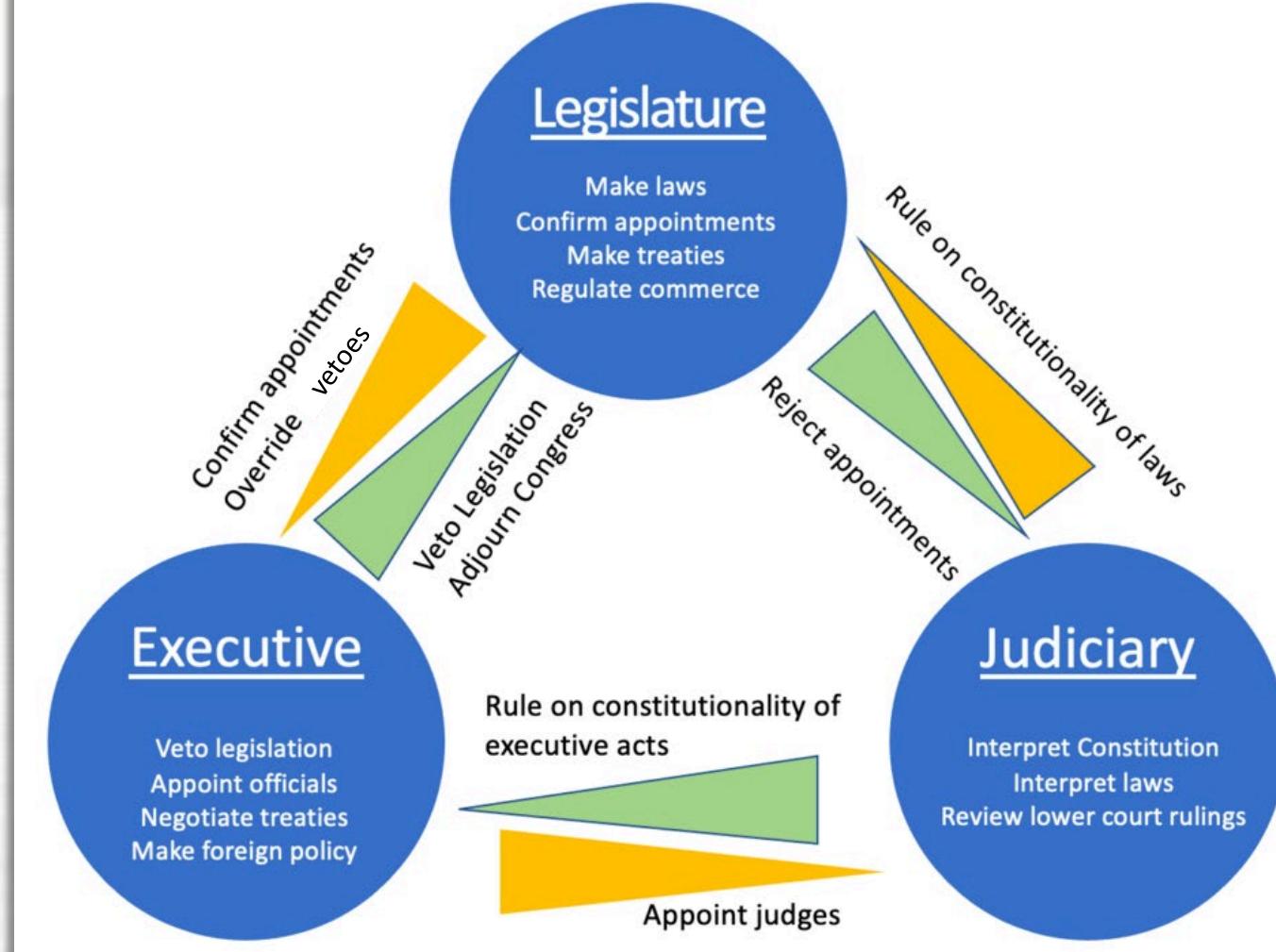
The Governor's Mansion
The Executive Branch
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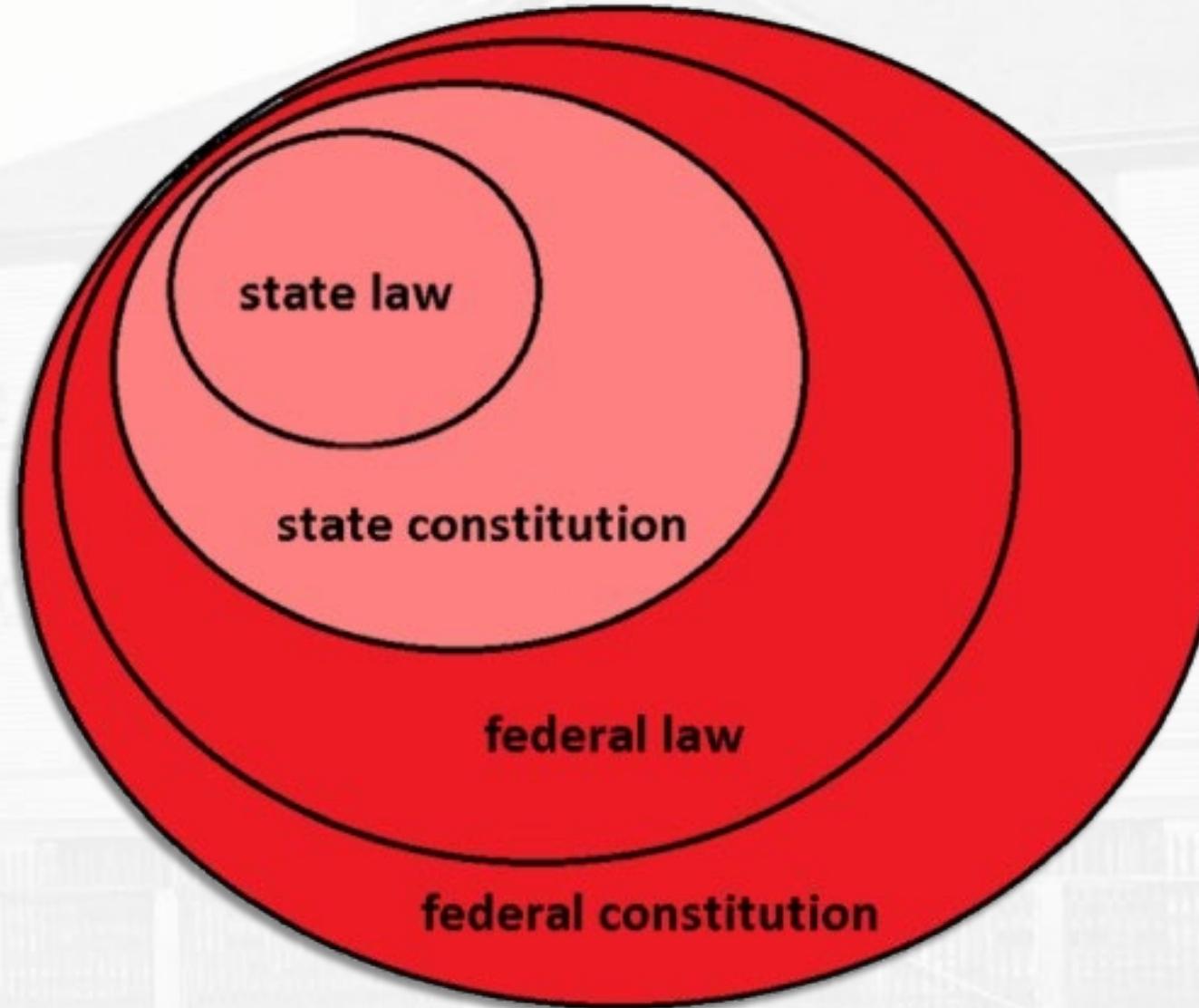
The Supreme Court Justices, 2025
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The Supreme Court of Texas

Checks and Balances

Separation of Powers / Checks and Balances



Federalism



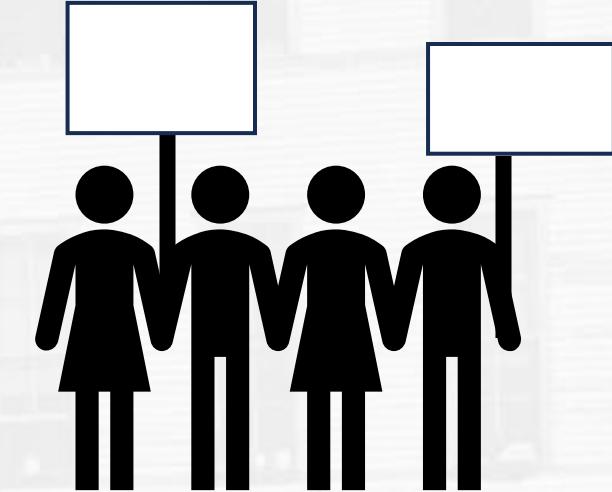
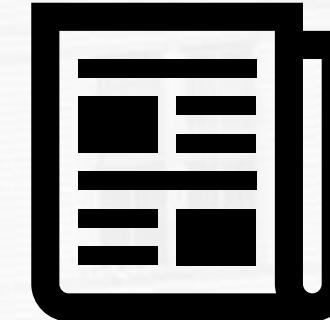
Popular Sovereignty



A Peaceful Assembly in Austin, 1986.
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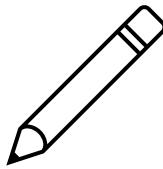


Individual Rights



Exit Ticket:

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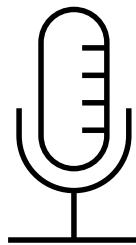
- Match the political principle on the left with its correct description on the right.



- Share with a partner.



Share with the class



The political principle of _____
means that _____