

The Texas Constitution of 1876 *Grade Level*

Unit 9: Reconstruction

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Directions: Read each excerpt from the Texas Constitution of 1876 and determine which principles of the Constitution are represented by the excerpt. **Note:** One excerpt may represent one or more principles. Place a checkmark under the correct box or boxes for each principle. Two principles have been eliminated from each statement. Eliminated principles show: --

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| "All political power is inherent in the people , and all free governments are founded on their authority , and instituted for their benefit ." | | -- | | | -- | | |
| "The powers of the government of the State of Texas shall be divided into three distinct departments " | -- | -- | | | | | |
| "Every citizen shall have the right to keep and bear arms in the lawful defense of himself or the State; but the Legislature shall have power by law to regulate the wearing of arms with a view to prevent crime." | | | | -- | | -- | |
| "[The governor] shall cause the laws to be faithfully executed ; and shall conduct , in person, or in such manner as shall be prescribed by law, all intercourse and business of the State with other States and with the United States." | | | -- | | | | -- |
| "Every person shall be at liberty to speak, write or publish his opinions on any subject, being responsible for the abuse of that privilege" | | | | | -- | -- | |

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| "There shall be established in each county in this State a County Court , which shall be a court of record, and there shall be elected in each county, by qualified voters , a county judge , who shall be well informed of the law of the State" | -- | | | | -- | | |
| " Impeachment of the governor , lieutenant governor, attorney general, treasurer, commissioner of the general land office, comptroller, and the judges of the Supreme Court , Court of Appeals, and District Court shall be tried by the Senate. " | | -- | | -- | | | |
| "All qualified electors of the State, as herein described, who shall have resided for six months immediately preceding an election within the limits of any city or corporate town, shall have the right to vote for mayor and all other elective officers " | | | | | -- | | -- |
| "Texas is a free and independent State , subject only to the Constitution of the United States ; and the maintenance of our free institutions and the perpetuity of the Union depend upon the preservation of the right of local self-government unimpaired to all the states." | -- | | | | | -- | |
| "The Legislature shall not have the right to levy taxes or impose burdens upon the people, except to raise revenue sufficient for the economical administration of the government" | | -- | | -- | | | |