SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNMENT

Each statement below illustrates one of the seven principles of the Constitution. Read each statement and identify the principle involved. Use pages 133 – 135 in the *Mastering 8th Grade Social Studies TEKS* workbook for definitions of each principle.

Popular Sovereignty

Republicanism

Limited Government

Federalism

Separation of Powers

Checks and Balances

Individual Rights

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The power to govern comes from the people.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The people elect representatives to make laws and conduct government.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congress makes laws for the nation.

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The President and all other government officials must obey the law like all American citizens.

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Voters in Texas elected Ted Cruz to the United States Senate.

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congress cannot make a law that violates freedom of speech.

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The powers of the national government are distributed among three branches of government.

8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The government cannot arrest a person unless that person has violated a law.

9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ State and local governments supervise the public school system.

10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Senate can refuse to approve a treaty that the President has negotiated.

11. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The President can veto a bill that has been approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate.

12. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ The President is commander in chief of the military.

13. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ States can make marriage laws for their state.

14. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congress passes a law forbidding abortions in all situations, but the Supreme Court declares it unconstitutional

15. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Congress can coin money.