The framers used building blocks upon which to write the foundation of the Constitution.

1. **Popular Sovereignty**
   A government in which the people rule.

2. **Republicanism**
   A government in which the people vote for their political representatives.

3. **Federalism**
   A system of government in which the states and national government share powers.

4. **Separation of Powers**
   The government is divided into three branches: executive, judicial and legislative.
5 CHECKS AND BALANCES
Each branch has certain controls over the other branches

6 LIMITED GOVERNMENT
Everyone in the government must follow the same rules – from average person to the President

7 INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS
Guarantees certain personal liberties and privileges to everyone

THE END