



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

