

- **Civics and Government**
- **Civics**
 - Study of Citizenship:
 - Rights
 - Duties and Responsibilities
 - **IF** you fulfill your duties
 - **THEN** the government will protect your rights
- **Government**
 - Group that maintains order
 - Protects your rights*

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- **separation of powers**
- **limited government**
- **Federalism**
- **popular sovereignty**
- **republicanism**
- **individual rights**

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 - **Legislative** – Makes Laws
 - **Executive** – Enforces Laws
 - **Judicial** – Interprets Laws
 - » Decides:
 - if someone has broken a law
 - If a law is constitutional

- **Limited Government**
 - Gov't cannot do anything it wants
 - This prevents the gov't from abusing the citizens
 - Its powers are specifically listed in the constitution
 - **Checks and Balances:**
 - Each branch of Gov't can limit another branch
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 - Limited Gov't = Checks and Balances
- **Federalism** – division of power between state & national gov't
 - Federalism – Power Flows Down
- **Popular Sovereignty**
 - People have the power
 - Vote for Representatives
 - Vote for Laws
 - **Popular Sovereignty**
- **Republicanism**
 - Representative Government
 - We elect officials to vote for us
- **Representative Democracy or Republicanism**
- The People **vote** for Representatives
- The **Representatives** make Laws to **HELP** the people
- **individual rights**
 - Everyone is born with rights
 - Gov't protects them
 - **John Locke**
 - Life, Liberty, and Property
 - **Thomas Jefferson**
 - Declaration of Independence
 - Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness
 - **US Constitution**
 - Bill of Rights (1st Ten Amendments)