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**Federal Government Study Guide**

1. Be able to fill in graph below and describe the two reasons why the Constitution was written dividing the Federal Government into three branches. (to balance the government so that not one person or branch would have too much power and be able to support your claim).
2. Know the specific roles of each branch. Read all notes from lesson 3.

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| **Federal Government** |

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| Legislative | Executive | Judicial |

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| Main DutyTo make the laws | Main DutyTo enforce the laws | Main DutyInterpret the Laws |
|             CongressHouse of RepresentativesSenate |           President | Supreme Court |

2. We have a government to make and enforce rules and provide security to all citizens.

3 A political scientist is a person that studies politics.

3. Our Constitution is a document that:

includes a list of rights of the people protected by the United States Government

provides the structure

            limits the power of the United States Government by: giving citizens the right to vote for

                                                                                                 their Representatives

4. Federal Government is another name for the National Government and they make decisions for the entire country of United States of America.

5. State Government handles State issues (handing out driver’s licenses) and County Government handle local issues (traffic lights, stop signs and speed limits).

6. In our Representative Government the people hold an election for the President and Members of Congress (Representatives and Senators).

7. Core Democratic Values are the fundamental beliefs and constitutional principles of American society…

*Popular Sovereignty* means that the power of the government comes from the people as set forth in the Constitution.

*Rule of Law* means our government and citizens should be controlled and limited by our laws

*Common Good i*s working together, as citizens, for the greater benefit for all.

8. There are 5 purposes of government listed below:

1. To protect the rights of people
2. To make and enforce laws
3. To provide leadership
4. To keep people safe
5. To provide public services

**Choose 1 of the 5 purposes of government and explain 2 reasons how the government completes that purpose. Please include an appropriate example in your answer, you may use your notes.**

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