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Task 1 - Founding Principles and Structure of Government

Please visit the following websites to help you with this section:



www.history.com/topics/constitution



http://www.socialstudieshelp.com/lesson_13_notes.htm



<http://www.pbs.org/tpt/constitution-usa-peter-sagal/we-the-people/separation-of-powers/>

Define:

Separation of Powers:	US Constitution:
Checks and Balances:	Bill of Rights:
State:	Federal:

Legislative power over Executive

Executive Proposes and enforces laws Makes foreign treaties Commander in chief of armed forces Appoints Supreme Court justices and federal court judges Pardons those convicted in federal court

Judicial power over Executive

Legislative Passes Federal laws Controls federal appropriations Approves treaties and presidential appointments

Executive power over Legislative

Judicial powers over Legislative

Legislative power over Judiciary

Executive power over Judiciary

Judiciary Reviews lower court decisions Decides constitutionality of laws Decides cases involving disputes between states

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Task 2

Read p5-10 Bunce and Ghallagher– as you read through, complete the table ‘take note’ activity shown on p5

Task 3 - Political Parties

Watch video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lt-f3QQ7-A>

As you do this create a timeline of the political parties of the USA. Note the key differences between the Democrats and the Republicans.

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Task 4 - Key individuals:

Create a CV for each of the following Presidents.

Including the following criteria: party, where from, previous job, actions and reputation prior to presidency, how did they gain the presidency key actions of presidency, legacy, key events during presidency

Woodrow Wilson	Warren Harding	Calvin Coolidge	Herbert Hoover	Franklin Delano Roosevelt	Harry Truman	Dwight D. Eisenhower
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Task 5

Define the following key terms as they relate to US history in the early 1900s:

- Isolationism
- Progressivism
- Laissez-faire

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