# Student Handout 2 Fundamental Concepts of Power

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| Concepts of Power |  |
| **Division of Powers or Federalism** Powers are divided between the national, or federal, government and the state governments.  *In the space provided, write the role of each division of government and its specific powers.* | NATIONAL GOVERNMENT (delegated powers that are expressed, implied, or inherent in the Constitution)  STATE GOVERNMENT (powers that are reserved by state constitutions)  LOCAL GOVERNMENT (powers that are derived from the state government and local ordinances passed by a city council or from local elections) |
| **Separation of Powers** Power to govern is divided among three branches.  *Describe what each branch of government is designed to do.* | LEGISLATIVE BRANCH  EXECUTIVE BRANCH  JUDICIAL BRANCH |
| **Limited powers** Power to govern is not absolute but is limited by what is allowed by a written document.  Write down what each document did and how it limited the powers of those in authority. | MAGNA CARTA, 1215  ENGLISH BILL OF RIGHTS, 1688  MAYFLOWER COMPACT, 1620  U.S. CONSTITUTION, BILL OF RIGHTS, 1787 |
| **Concurrent Powers** These powers are shared by federal, state and local governments.  How do concurrent powers affect an ordinary citizen? |  |