



# Idaho Standards and Applications for 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Civics and Government

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## Teacher Instructions

Using the assignment sheet as printed in [Specific Resources](#), the teacher will assist students in recalling and noting the characteristics learned about the [United States Constitution](#).

Using an individual copy of the [Idaho Constitution](#), the teacher will help students begin the process of completing the worksheet. When it is completed, students will have an organized comparison and contrast between the two documents.

Student question #11 specifically asks the students to compare the role and responsibilities of the commander-in-chief at both the state and federal levels – challenge your students to relate the “war on terrorism” to the executive duties defined in both the state and federal constitutions.



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## CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

### PREAMBLE

We, the people of the State of Idaho,  
grateful to Almighty God for our freedom,  
to secure its blessings and promote  
our common welfare do establish  
this Constitution.

Approved July 3, 1890

COMPARISON/CONTRAST WITH THE U.S. CONSTITUTION	COMPARISON/CONTRAST WITH THE U.S. CONSTITUTION
IDAHO	UNITED STATES

AGE: 114 years		217 years
DATE: 1890		1787 (written)
ARTICLES: 21		7
AMENDMENTS: (get exact number from Sec'y of State's office.)		27
WORDS: approx. 21,500		approx. 7,500
TYPE OF LAW: Statutory		Fundamental
LOCATION OF BILL OF RIGHTS:	Article I	First 10 Amendments
 AMENDMENT PROCESS:		
<u>propose:</u>		<u>propose:</u>
2/3 vote of each house		2/3 vote of each house
<u>ratify:</u>		<u>ratify:</u>
simple majority vote of population		3/4 vote of the State Leg.



Federal Government

SEPARATION OF POWERS

Directions: Name the three branches of government and then complete the chart.

Branch	Function	Outlined in which article in Constitution	Who comprises this branch	Method of selection	Constituency	Term of office	Number of members	Names
Legislative	Makes Laws	1	US Senate US House of Representatives	Elected by People Elected by People	Statewide Congressional District	6 Years 2 Years	100 435	Larry Craig Mike Crapo Mike Simpson C.L. "Butch" Otter
Executive	Enforces Laws	2	President Vice President	Electoral College	Nation	4 Years	2	George W. Bush Dick Cheney
Judicial	Interprets Laws	3	US Supreme Court & Federal Courts	Appointed		Life	9	Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist



State Government

SEPARATION OF POWERS

Directions: Name the three branches of government and then complete the chart. (36 pt.)

Branch	Function	Who comprises this branch	Method of Selection	Constituency	Term of Office	Number of Members	Names

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Branch	Function	Who comprises this branch	Method of Selection	Constituency	Term of Office	Number of Members	Names
Legislative	Makes the laws	Senate House of Representatives	elected by the people elected by the people	legislative district legislative district	2 years 2 years	35 70	Your State Senator from your district Your 2 Rep. from your district
Executive	Enforces the laws	Governor, Lt. Governor, 5 other elected officials	elected by the people	State	4 years	7	Dirk Kempthorne James Risch
Judicial	Interprets the laws	Supreme Court & District Courts	elected by the people	State	6 years	5	Chief Justice Linda Trout