

The Principals of the Constitution

- **Limited government**

(the government's power over people's freedoms is limited by laws)

- **Republicanism**

(citizens have the power to choose government representatives)

- **Checks and balances**

(powers of one branch of government are limited by the powers of other branches)

- **Federalism**

(division of power between federal and state governments)

- **Separation of powers**

(government functions are divided among three branches)

- **Popular sovereignty**

(the government's power lies with the people)

- **Individual rights**

Amendment I. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.