

# Direct Instruction

The Constitution has three parts

- the introduction (*Preamble*);
- the structure and powers of the government (*Articles*);
- and the rights of citizens (*Bill of Rights/Amendments*).

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## 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

# Turn & Talk

## What individual rights are in the first Amendment?

– 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.

Staple/Tape the PRINCIPLES of the CONSTITUTION paper in your notebook