

# Worksheet 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## KEY FEATURES OF THE AUSTRALIAN CONSTITUTION

### Separation of powers (fill in the table below)

POWER	ROLE	COMPOSITION
Parliament		
Executive		
Judiciary		

### Roles of the houses of Parliament

The Parliament of Australia has four main roles:

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the people of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Providing a place where \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Keeping a \_\_\_\_\_ on the work of the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Division of powers (levels of government)

How is power divided between the federal, state/territory and local levels of government?

#### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

#### STATE/TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

#### LOCAL COUNCIL

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What is the Australian Constitution?

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What powers are described in the Constitution?

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Describe five key features of the Constitution:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

How can the Constitution be changed?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

It is important to have a Constitution in Australia because:

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Why is it important to have this separation of powers? What could go wrong if there wasn't a separation of powers?

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What are the four main roles of the houses of Parliament?

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How might Australia be different without our Constitution?

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