

Worksheet 1

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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

What is the Australian Constitution?

What powers are described in the Constitution?

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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How might Australia be different without our Constitution?

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