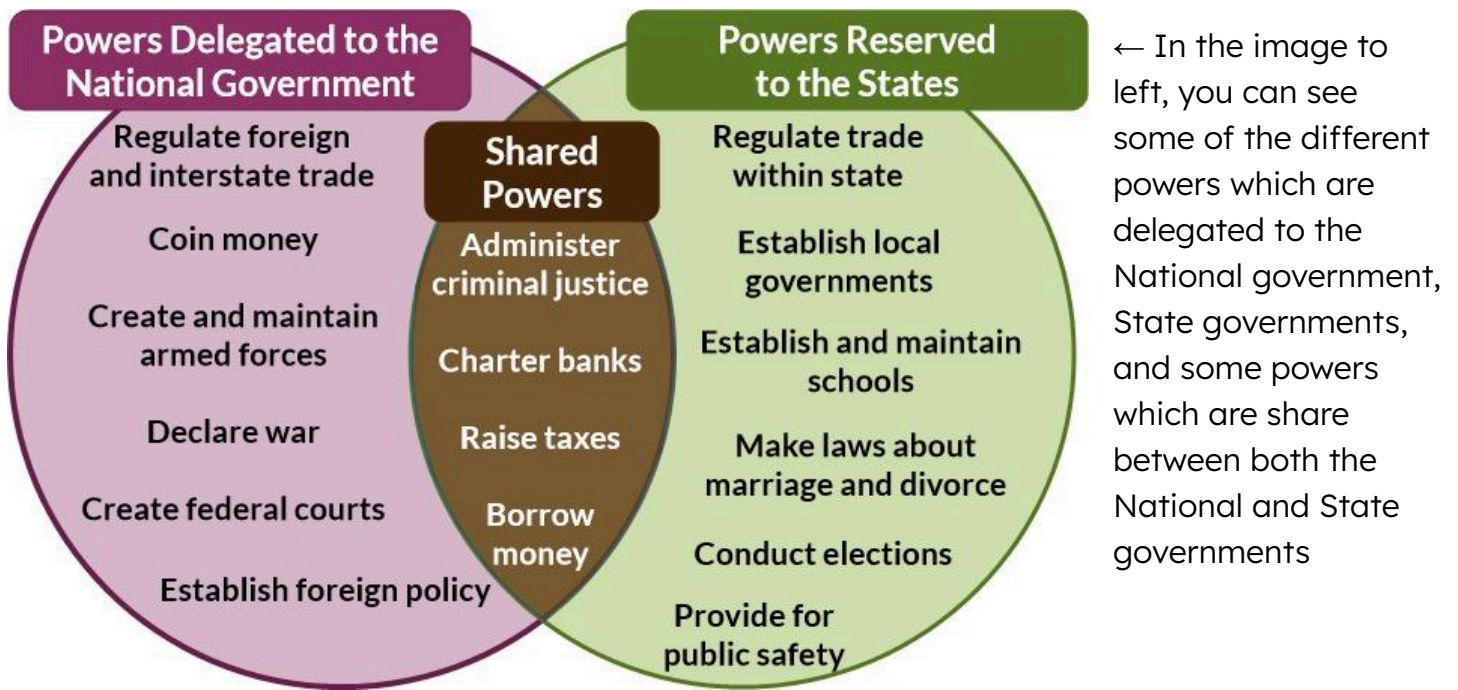# GR 4.2 Understanding Federalism - National v State Powers

<u>*Directions:*</u> Answer the following questions on a piece of paper. Once completed, please upload the image of the answers to google classroom in the corresponding assignment section.

<u>*Activity Reflection*</u>

1) During the activity, we went through 7 different examples of either State or National power. Which one do you think has more power and why?

Read the short passage on the right of the venn diagram. Then you will use this venn diagram to answer the following question in this section.

Powers Delegated to the National Government
- Regulate foreign and interstate trade
- Coin money
- Create and maintain armed forces
- Declare war
- Create federal courts
- Establish foreign policy

Shared Powers
- Administer criminal justice
- Charter banks
- Raise taxes
- Borrow money

Powers Reserved to the States
- Regulate trade within state
- Establish local governments
- Establish and maintain schools
- Make laws about marriage and divorce
- Conduct elections
- Provide for public safety

← In the image to left, you can see some of the different powers which are delegated to the National government, State governments, and some powers which are share between both the National and State governments

<u>*Understanding Power*</u>

2) In your own words, what is federalism?
3) What is the difference between National and State Power?

Do some research on the Supreme Court case between ***McCulloch v. Maryland*** to answer the following questions in this section

<u>*McCulloch v. Maryland*</u>

4) How did this case establish that the federal government can take action beyond what is explicitly written in the constitution?
5) Why is this case something which is important in modern times?

← To the left you can see an image of a soup can and the nutritional label on that soup can. The 1990 nutritional labeling and education act required food products to have standardized nutrition labels, overriding individual state laws

Modern federalism in action

6) How is this an example of federal supremacy over state power?
7) Why do you think the federal government decided to take control of food labeling instead of letting states create their own rules?

The supremacy clause of the constitution states that federal laws take priority over state laws in certain cases

8) What are the benefits of the federal government overriding state laws?
9) What are the drawbacks of the federal government overriding state laws?

Real World Applications

10) How do Federal and State governments work together on issues like disaster responses or education?
11) Give an example of a current political debate where federal and state governments clash over power