

AP Government - Chapter 3 Federalism Questions

Practice writing COMPLETE answers to the following questions. These test your ability to integrate and express the ideas that you have been studying in this chapter.

1. Explain the differences between political systems which are unitary, confederal or federal.
2. Summarize the views of federalism held by Hamilton and Jefferson. Which view appears to have won out?
3. Summarize the facts of the case which led up to *McCulloch v. Maryland* and the Supreme Court's subsequent decision.
4. Explain what "nullification" refers to and note two prominent examples of "nullification" politics in American history.
5. Discuss some recent decisions of the Supreme Court which suggest the doctrine of dual federalism is not completely dead.
6. Identify and explain three ways that states open the door to "direct democracy."
7. What are three reasons federal grants were initially quite attractive to state officials?
8. What are four reasons why block grants and revenue sharing did not attain the goals of "no strings" or fiscal relief?
9. Explain what the terms "second-order" and "third-order" devolution refer to.