**Thematic Essay**

On a separate sheet of paper write the following essay in complete sentences. The essay should answer the question completely with as much detail given as possible.

**Background:** After the American Revolution many colonists knew that America needed to create a government to prevent chaos in the new nation. However, the colonists greatly feared that the new nation would be similar to that of England's and the new government would be too powerful for the people.

**Essay Question:** The US Constitution has many provisions that "limit government." In this essay you should fully discuss **3** provisions in the US Constitution that limit the power of the national government so it could not become too powerful.

For each “limit of government” complete the following:

1. Describe the limitation
2. Give an example of the limitation
3. Discuss the historical context/need for the limitation (example: why did the government need this limitation?)

*You may select 3 of the topics from the list below.*

1. *Separation of Powers*
2. *Federalism (delegated, reserved, and concurrent powers)*
3. *Checks and Balances*
4. *Bill of Rights*