

Govt.5a,b,c,d

The Constitution of the United States provides for a federal system of government in which power is shared between the states and the national government.

**Areas where powers are shared**

**Taxation**  
**Education policy**  
**Criminal justice laws**

**Conflicts between the state and national authority in a federal system are found in concurrently held powers.**

**Powers denied to both the national and state governments**

**Ex post facto laws**  
**Tax on exports**

**Federalism is not a static relationship between levels of government. The distribution of power between the states and the national government is the source of considerable debate.**

The student will demonstrate knowledge of the federal system described in the Constitution of the United States of America by :  
a) explaining the relationship of the state governments to the national government, b) describing the extent to which power is shared, c) identifying the powers denied state and national governments, d) examining the ongoing debate that focuses on the balance of power between state and national governments.