

What Is the US Constitution

Name / chosen name: _____

The US Constitution sets out the structure and powers of the federal government. It was signed in 1787 and took effect through state ratification. It has been changed by amendments.

The federal government has legislative, executive and judicial branches. Their powers are divided, with checks on one another. State governments also have important powers. This is the US system, not the Australian system.

1. What is the main idea of the text?

2. What is one detail that supports it?

3. What would you check in the source?

Sources: [National Archives — US Constitution](#)