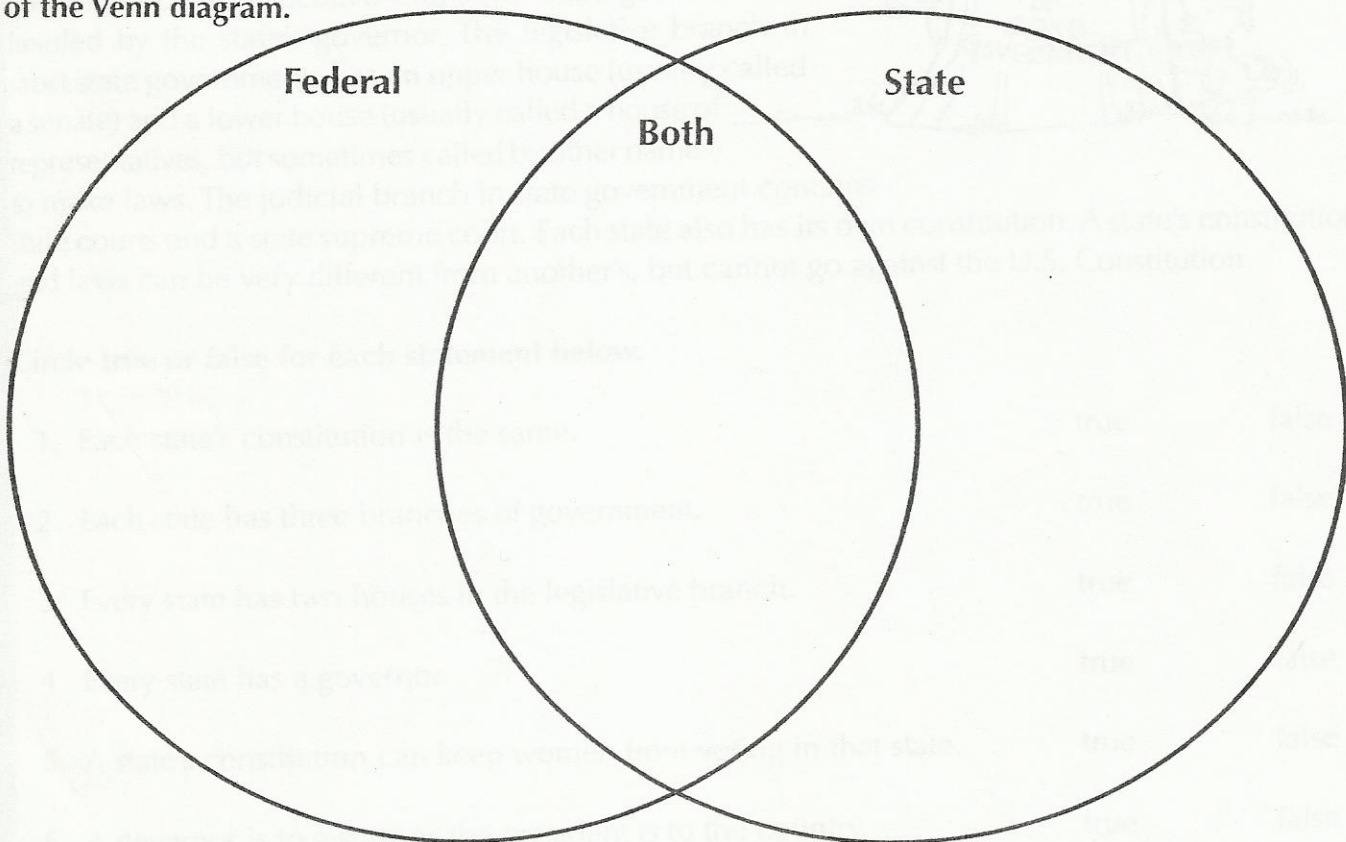


## A Federal Government

The United States is called a federal government because the power is shared between the central government and the state and local governments. In the United States, each state can make its own laws for its citizens, but all citizens must follow the national laws, too. The central government has enough power to keep the states united as a country, but not so much power that states and cities can't make laws to meet their needs.

Look at the list of government powers in the box below. Decide whether the state government, the federal government, or both governments have each power. Write them in the correct parts of the Venn diagram.



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>declare war</li> <li>enforce laws</li> <li>run elections</li> <li>build roads</li> <li>give licenses to doctors, lawyers, and teachers</li> <li>make treaties with other countries</li> <li>ratify Constitutional amendments</li> <li>give marriage licenses</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>print money</li> <li>establish public schools</li> <li>take land to make parks</li> <li>establish armed forces</li> <li>collect taxes</li> <li>establish courts</li> <li>establish post offices</li> <li>borrow money</li> </ul> |
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