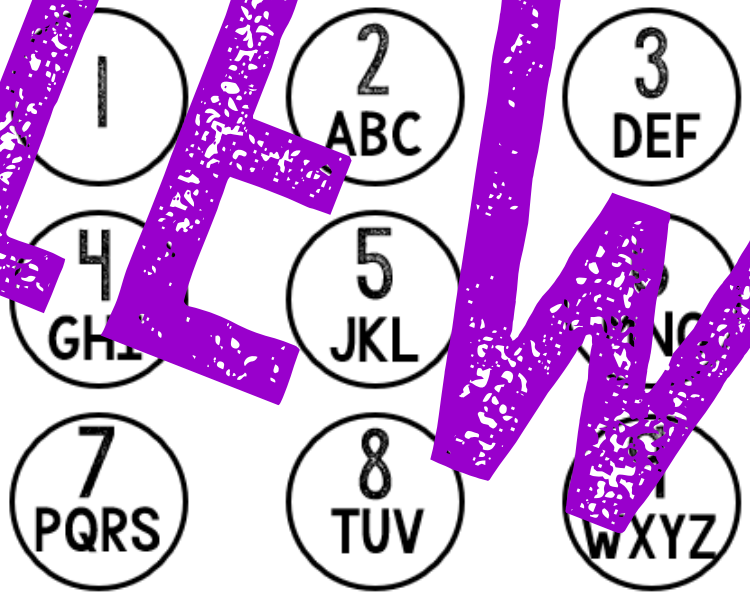
# READING #2

After the United States declared independence from Great Britain in 1776, many citizens were concerned about a government that was too powerful. They also were concerned about a government that did not trust the citizens fairly. The Constitution, or plan of government, was carefully crafted to make sure the government could not be too powerful. The main objective was for the people to have control over the government, instead of the government having control over the people.

The seven Articles of the Constitution were a way to make sure the power rested with the people. The Articles also maintained balance across the entire federal government. While the Founding Fathers were against a strong central government, the federal government was needed to hold all of the states together. The Articles would become the framework for the federal government of the United States.



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# READING #3

The Articles discuss how the government is structured and how it will operate. The first three Articles establish the branches of government and outline the powers of the three branches of government are the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial.

The Legislative Branch is the Congress, which includes the Senate and House of Representatives. The Executive Branch is the President and includes the Vice President and the Cabinet. The Judicial Branch is the federal court system and includes the Supreme Court. All three branches have headquarters in Washington, DC. The division of powers between the three branches creates a system of checks and balances. This keeps any one section of the government from becoming excessively powerful.



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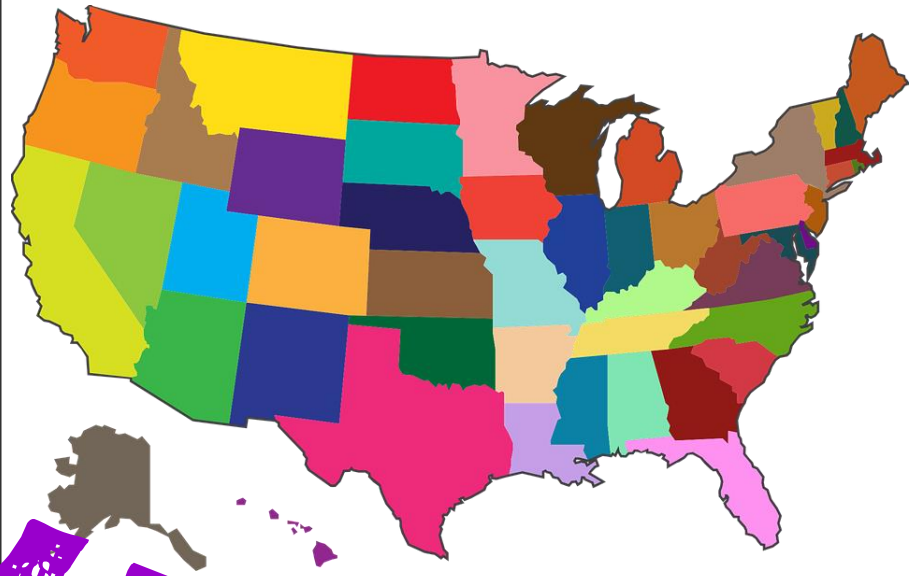
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# READING #4

The Constitution gave the United States a federal system. In a federal system, power is shared with state governments and the federal government. The Constitution is organized into Articles: Legislative Power, Executive Power, Judicial Power, States' Powers and Limits, Amendments, Federal Powers, and Ratification.

Article I gives Congress (Legislative Branch) the power to create the laws. Article II allows the Executive Branch to enforce the laws. Article III says the Judicial Branch may interpret the laws. Article IV focuses on the duties and responsibilities of the states. Article V basically says that the only way the Constitution can be changed is by adding an amendment. Article VI says that the Constitution is the supreme law of the land. Lastly, Article VII explains that 9 out of 13 states are needed to ratify (approve) the Constitution.



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# RECORDING SHEET

Read each passage and answer the questions below. Next, use the decoder to solve the puzzle phrase.

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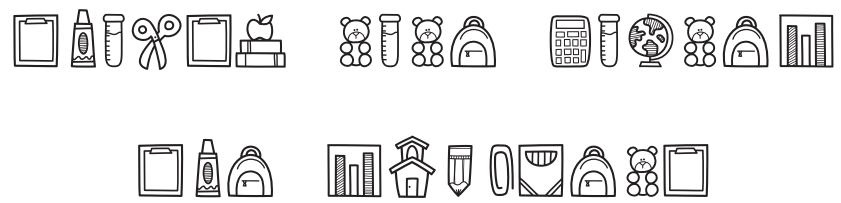
**1.** Where was the Constitutional Convention?

A. Boston
B. Philadelphia
C. [illegible]
D. Pittsburgh

**2.** How many articles does the Constitution have?

A. 7
B. 9
C. 11
D. [illegible]

Of the 55 delegates at the Constitutional Convention...



## READING 2

**3.** Who did the U.S. declare independence from?

A. Spain
B. Germany
C. France
D. Great Britain

**4.** What word means "an [illegible]ment"?

A. Amendment
B. Confederation
C. Constitution
D. Article

The "Father of the Constitution" is...

5-2-[illegible]-7777

[illegible]-2-3-[illegible]4-7777-666-66

## READING 3

**5.** Which branch includes the Senate?

A. Legislative
B. Executive
C. Judicial
D. Supreme Court

**6.** Which branch includes the Cabinet?

A. Legislative
B. Executive
C. Judicial
D. Parliament

Since 1869, the Supreme Court has had [illegible]

3-6,1-8,3-[illegible]-3

2-7,1-7,2-2,1-5,1-8,3-3,1-3,2-2

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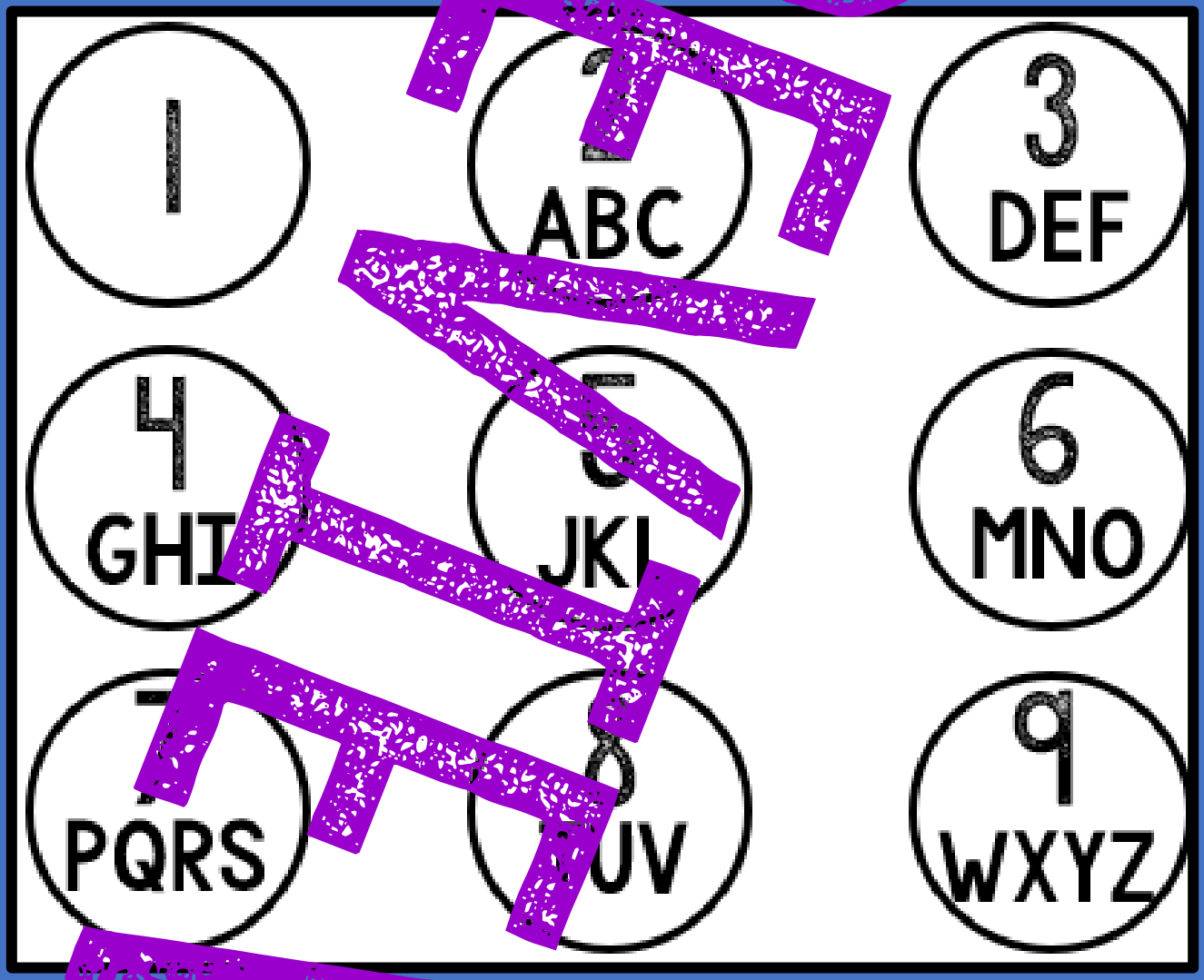
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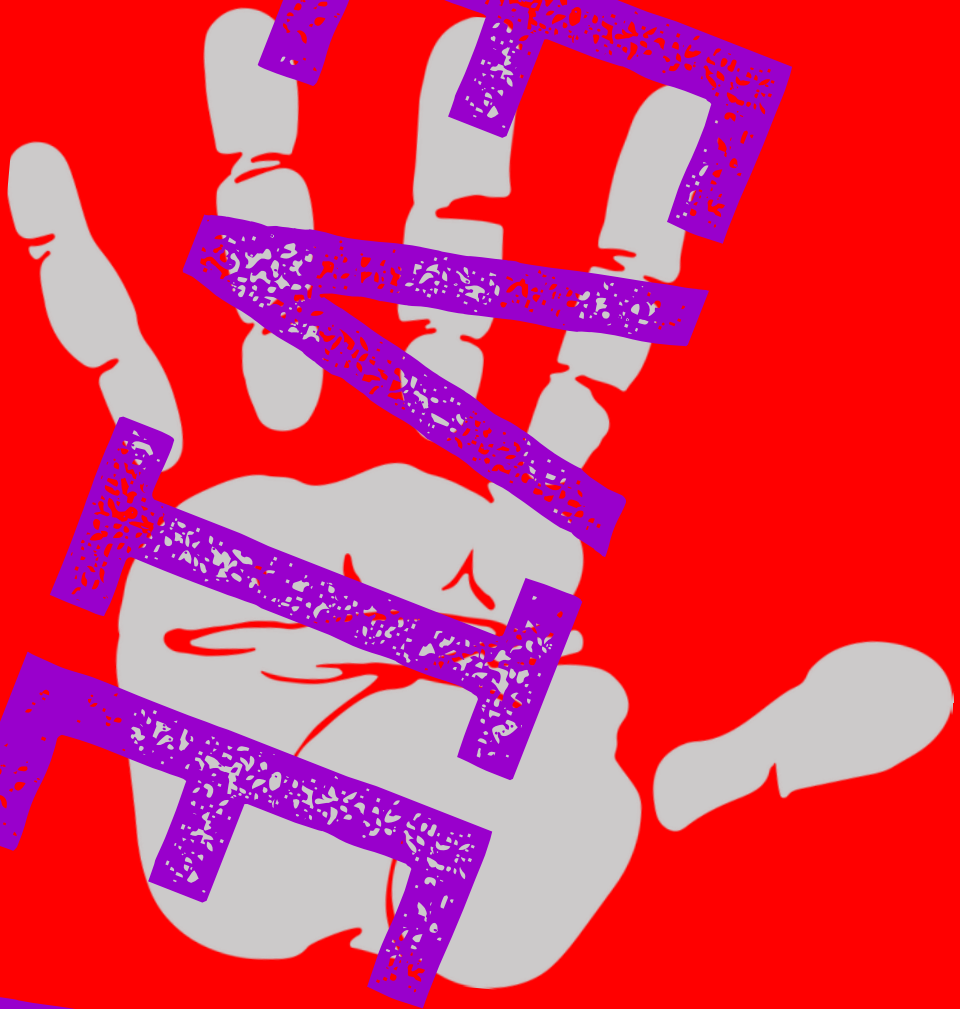
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