**5 Principles of the Constitution**

Complete the notes below about the 5 Principles of the Constitution that create a strong central government, but also give the states the ability to govern themselves.

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| **5 Principles of the Constitution** | **What is it?** | **How does this principle strengthen the United States?** | **Compare: How is this principle similar to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? (pick something to compare these 5 terms to)** |
| popular sovereignty |  |  |  |
| limited government |  |  |  |
| federalism |  |  |  |
| separation of powers |  |  |  |
| checks and balances |  |  |  |

**Reflection Questions for the 5 Principles of the Constitution**

1. Which of the 5 principles from the Constitution do you feel helps to create a strong federal government? Explain.
2. Which of the 5 principles from the Constitution make sure the states are still able to govern themselves (states rights)? Explain.

3. Which of the 5 principles from the Constitution make sure that the government does not have **absolute power?** Explain.