

Assignment 1: What Is Federalism?

Due Week 6 and worth 200 points

Write a three to four (3-4) page paper on American federalism in which you:

1. Provide three (3) examples of how federalism has evolved from its origins to the American political system in place today.
2. Examine three to five (3-5) factors that have allowed the concept of federalism to shape American political behavior.
3. Discuss at least two (2) factors that illustrate how the relationship between the states and the U.S. federal government influences the creation of American policies overall.
4. Use at least three (3) quality academic resources in this assignment. **Note:** Wikipedia and other Websites to not qualify as academic resources.

Your assignment must follow these formatting requirements:

- Be typed, double spaced, using Times New Roman font (size 12), with one-inch margins on all sides; citations and references must follow APA or school-specific format. Check with your professor for any additional instructions.
- Include a cover page containing the title of the assignment, the student's name, the professor's name, the course title, and the date. The cover page and the reference page are not included in the required assignment page length.

The specific course learning outcomes associated with this assignment are to:

- Determine how the Constitution divides power between the state and federal governments.
- Use technology and information resources to research issues in the field of U.S. government and politics.
- Write clearly and concisely about U.S. government and politics using proper writing mechanics.

Grading for this assignment will be based on answer quality, logic / organization of the paper, and language and writing skills, using the following rubric.

Points: 200		Assignment 1: What Is Federalism?			
Criteria	Unacceptable Below 60% F	Meets Minimum Expectations 60-69% D	Fair 70-79% C	Proficient 80-89% B	Exemplary 90-100% A
1. Provide three (3) examples of how federalism has evolved from its origins to the American political system in place today. Weight: 25%	Did not submit or incompletely provided three examples of how federalism has evolved from its origins to the American political system in place today.	Insufficiently provided three examples of how federalism has evolved from its origins to the American political system in place today.	Partially provided three examples of how federalism has evolved from its origins to the American political system in place today.	Satisfactorily provided three examples of how federalism has evolved from its origins to the American political system in place today.	Thoroughly provided three examples of how federalism has evolved from its origins to the American political system in place today.
2. Examine three to five (3-5) factors that have allowed the concept of	Did not submit or incompletely examined three to five (3-5) factors that have allowed	Insufficiently examined three to five (3-5) factors that have allowed the concept of	Partially examined three to five (3-5) factors that have allowed	Satisfactorily examined three to five (3-5) factors that have allowed the	Thoroughly examined three to five (3-5) factors that have allowed

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federalism to shape American political behavior. Weight: 25%	the concept of federalism to shape American political behavior.	federalism to shape American political behavior.	the concept of federalism to shape American political behavior.	concept of federalism to shape American political behavior.	the concept of federalism to shape American political behavior.
3. Discuss at least two (2) factors that illustrate how the relationship between the states and the U.S. federal government influences the creation of American policies overall. Weight: 25%	Did not submit or incompletely discussed at least two (2) factors that illustrate how the relationship between the states and the U.S. federal government influences the creation of American policies overall.	Insufficiently discussed at least two (2) factors that illustrate how the relationship between the states and the U.S. federal government influences the creation of American policies overall.	Partially discussed at least two (2) factors that illustrate how the relationship between the states and the U.S. federal government influences the creation of American policies overall.	Satisfactorily discussed at least two (2) factors that illustrate how the relationship between the states and the U.S. federal government influences the creation of American policies overall.	Thoroughly discussed at least two (2) factors that illustrate how the relationship between the states and the U.S. federal government influences the creation of American policies overall.
4. Writing / Support for ideas (5%)	Never uses reasons and evidence that logically support ideas	Rarely uses reasons and evidence that logically support ideas	Partially uses reasons and evidence that logically support ideas	Mostly uses reasons and evidence that logically support ideas	Consistently uses reasons and evidence that logically support ideas.
5. Writing / Grammar and mechanics (5%)	Serious and persistent errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation	Numerous errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation	Partially free of errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation	Mostly free of errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation	Free of errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation
6. Writing and Information Literacy / Integration of Sources (5%)	Serious errors in the integration of sources, such as intentional or accidental plagiarism or failure to use in-text citations.	Sources are rarely integrated using effective techniques of quoting, paraphrasing, and summarizing, using in-text citations	Sources are partially integrated using effective techniques of quoting, paraphrasing, and summarizing, using in-text citations	Sources are mostly integrated using effective techniques of quoting, paraphrasing, and summarizing, using in-text citations	Sources are consistently integrated using effective techniques of quoting, paraphrasing, and summarizing, using in-text citations
7. Information Literacy / Crediting Sources in APA (5%)	Lack of citations and/or lack of reference section and/or citations don't correspond to listed references	In-text citations and references are given, but not in APA format	Partially shows correct (or approximately correct) use of in-text citations, with matching references using APA-format	Mostly shows correct use of in-text citations with matching references using APA-format	Consistently shows correct use of In-text citations with matching references using APA-format
8. Information Literacy / Research (5%)	Quantity and/or quality of sources are unacceptable	Too few references and/or references are of poor quality	Number of sources is less than expected and/or the	Number of sources is sufficient and the quality of	Number of sources is sufficient and the quality of

			quality of sources is questionable.	sources is mostly good.	sources is good.
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