

Reading Assignment:

Federal Government

"The Three Branches of Government & US Government Structure" (USA Facts)

<https://www.usa.gov/branches-of-government>

This article provides a detailed overview of the U.S. federal government's structure, explaining the separation of powers among the legislative, executive, and judicial branches. It delves into the roles and responsibilities of each branch, ensuring a central government where individuals and groups gain little control. Key aspects include enacting legislation, carrying out and enforcing laws, and interpreting rules and their constitutionality.

State Government

<https://usafacts.org/reports/2021/government-10-k/part-i/item-1-purpose-and-function-of-our-government-general/government-structure/>

"Following the Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, this piece discusses how all powers not granted to the federal government are reserved for the states and the people. It breaks down the three branches at the state level—executive, legislative, and judicial—mirroring the federal government. This structure allows each state to have its legislature, executive headed by a governor, and a judicial system with a supreme court, providing a closer look at how states operate and manage governance.

Federal and State Relationship

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/us-government-and-civics/us-gov-foundations/us-gov-relationship-between-the-states-and-the-federal-government/a/relationship-between-the-states-and-the-federal-government-article>

This article explores the dynamic interaction between state and federal governments in the United States, emphasizing the division of powers and the system of federalism that allows states to be responsive to their citizens' needs while being part of a larger nation. It highlights exclusive and shared powers at each government level, showcasing how this division impacts policymaking and governance.

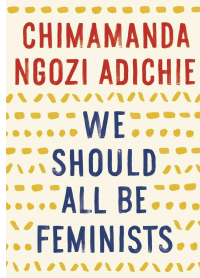
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Attend a Public Meeting

- Find and attend an online or in-person public meeting on an issue you care about
- Many meetings are recorded, you can also watch a previously held meeting.

Ms. Jordan's Favorite Book



In this personal, eloquently-argued essay—adapted from the much-admired TEDx talk of the same name—Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie offers readers a unique definition of feminism for the twenty-first century. Drawing extensively on her own experiences and her deep understanding of the often masked realities of sexual politics, here is one remarkable author's exploration of what it means to be a woman now—and an of-the-moment rallying cry for why we should all be feminists.