



## **Sharing Power**

Our Constitution gives specific powers to the federal government and reserves other powers for the states. Here are some powers given to each:

### **Powers given to the Federal Government**

- Printing money
- Declaring war
- Conducting foreign relations
- Overseeing trade with other countries
- Overseeing interstate trade
- Making treaties
- Providing an army and a navy
- Establish post offices

### **Powers given to the State Governments**

- Overseeing trade within the state
- Issuing licenses, e.g. driver's licenses
- Creating public schools
- Making motor vehicle and traffic laws
- Making laws regarding marriage and divorce

### **Powers given to both**

- Making laws
- Enforcing laws
- Taxing
- Borrowing money
- Building roads
- Establishing courts
- Providing for the health and welfare of people



## What If? Group Activity Sheet

What Might Happen If...	Describe what you think might happen
States could run their own Post Offices and make their own stamps	
States could declare war on another country	
States could make treaties with other countries	
Only the federal (national) government could tax the people	
Only the federal (national) government could make laws	