

Student Handout 2: Distribution of Power between States and the Central Government under the United States Constitution

To help your group think about where to place each of the powers, think about the following:

- What caused some of the problems under the Articles of Confederation?
- What makes sense for the central government to control? What decisions will affect the whole country, not just a state?
- What makes sense for the states to control because of the different cultures, climates, and economic strengths?

