

Main features of the American Constitution

- 1- Written Constitution. It was drafted by a convention and then approved and ratified.
- 2- Most brief constitution.
- 3- Rigid Constitution. It cannot be amended by the ordinary law-making process. A detailed and rigid procedure for amending it is laid down in the constitution itself.
- 4- Supremacy of the Constitution. In America the constitution is supreme. No other law is above the constitution.
- 5- Federal Constitution. There are fifty states in America, each with its own government and then there is the central government for the whole country.
- 6- Republican Constitution. There is no hereditary monarch.
- 7- Separation of Powers. There is separation of three powers - legislative, executive and judicial.

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08 8 - Presidential System. The President
 09 is the head of the state and
 10 government. He is not responsible
 11 to the legislature.

12 9 - Checks and Balances. Three branches
 13 of government exercise check on
 14 one another.

15 10 - Judicial Review. The Supreme Court
 16 can declare a law unconstitutional.

17 11 - Bill of Rights. The Constitution contains
 18 a bill of rights.

19 12 - No National Suffrage. Each state confer
 20 on its citizens the right to vote.

21 13 - Dual Citizenship.

22 14 - Notable omissions in the Constitution
