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ACTIVITY #1_ States' Rights

Skills: Research & Writing

On July 4th, Americans celebrate liberty gained from the Declaration of Independence and the War of the American Revolution fought against England to get rid of colonial status. Americans preferred to live free from the rule of another country.

On September 17, Americans celebrate the signing of the US Constitution in 1787 to set up rules to govern the new nation of united states. Although a strong central government was proposed, states retained significant decision-making power.

1. Which Amendment protects the power of the state against abuse of power by an over-aggressive federal government?
2. What branch of government decides a legal conflict of opinion between the federal government and a state government?

RESEARCH & WRITING PROJECT

GO TO GOOGLE or to your Public Library and look up “medical marijuana” in California which was approved by a statewide referendum. The Federal government opposed this activity. An outcome was announced in 2005. What branch of government made the decision? Who won— California or the Federal government? WRITE a 1-Page REPORT. Include your opinion on the decision and outlook for the future on this issue and states' rights.

