

# PROJECT: U.S. GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIPS

Select one of the following options and make a slide presentation. Incorporate the precise terminology for your topic, and make sure you check punctuation and spelling before submitting your work.

## Option 1.

Conflicts over the respective roles of national and state governments have been around since America's beginning. The Civil War was fought over questions of states' rights: Can a state create a law that allows for slavery? Does a state have the right to secede from the Union?

Even today people disagree on how much power the federal government should have; some would like the states to have more power. An area where this debate has made the news in recent years includes:

Analyze the historical conflict including the limits on national and state government, and draw conclusions as to whether you agree with decisions that were made. Create a slide presentation that includes the following slides:

Slide 1 – Title Page

Slide 2 – Introduction to State's Rights

Slide 3 – Identify the pros and cons of limiting state powers

Slide 4 – #1 historical conflict that involved a debate over state's rights

- Summarize both sides of the debate
- Which side do you agree with? Why?

Slide 5 – #2 historical conflict that involved a debate over state's rights

- Summarize both sides of the debate
- Which side do you agree with? Why?

Slide 6 – #2 #1 current conflict that involves state's rights

- Summarize both sides of the debate
- Which side do you agree with? Why?

Slide 7 – References

## Option 2.

Using the Supreme Court decision *McCulloch v. Maryland* (1819) and other sources, analyze the sharing of powers within the federal government. Include the following slides in your presentation:

Slide 1 – Title Page

Slide 2 – Introduction

Slide 3 – Define the following:

- federalism

- expressed powers
- implied powers
- inherent powers
- concurrent powers

Slide 4 – Answer the following questions:

- How do the different branches of our government use these powers to pass laws and establish regulations? Are these powers abused or used properly by our government officials? Why or why not?

Slide 5 – Answer the following questions:

- Address the sovereignty of tribal governments, such as the Native Americans of New Mexico and Arizona. Can the federal government intervene in the affairs of Native Americans on reservations? If so, when and to what extent?

Slide 6 – References

### **Option 3.**

Research America's open door policy with China beginning in 1899 and make a slide presentation including:

Slide 1 – Title Page

Slide 2 – What is the open door policy? Why was it necessary?

Slide 3 – Why is it important?

Slide 4 – Explain how relations with the United States and China have changed and the effects of the open door policy on both countries.

Slide 5 – References