

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Federalism: A Unique System of Government

### Short Answer Key

1. Answers may vary but should include one advantage (e.g., local decision-making) and an explanation of why it is important (e.g., tailored policies).
2. The main disadvantage related to the complexity of the system is that it can lead to confusion and disputes over authority.
3. Federalism can help protect individual rights and liberties by providing a system of checks and balances where one level of government can step in to protect rights if another level infringes on them.
4. Answers may vary but could include different state laws on issues like marijuana legalization or gun control.
5. The term "checks and balances" in federalism refers to the system of ensuring that no single level of government becomes too powerful, preventing tyranny.

