



US Economy 1919 - 29: Chapter 0: the ABC of the USA



Learning Gain:

To be confident with the geography of the USA and be able to explain the political system of the USA, in particular the separation of powers.



Learning Steps:



- Review our current understanding of the USA.
- Explore the formation of the USA.
- Investigate its political system in order to better
- understand the "separation of powers".



Watch and listen carefully.
What does it tell us about how
America sees itself now, in the past
and the future.



Task One:

Glue in your CCT
sheet and
complete
the targets etc.



Task Two:

Glue in your
SOLO
sheet and
evidence your
current
understanding.

So lets look at the USA:

So how did the USA develop into a continental nation from its original 13 states?
Watch and find out!



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The USA is made up of 50 states.

It is a FEDERAL system, meaning that the STATES have powers to govern themselves which maybe unique to them and the National FEDERAL government also has some powers that operate over the whole country.

Example - death penalty only applies in some states.



USA Political System:

The founding fathers of the USA wanted a system that prevented too much power being held by one person or group.

So they created a system with checks and balances and which separated powers.

Executive - the President and government - enpowers the laws.

Legislature - creates laws.

Judiciary - evaluates laws,

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Watch the following clips to try and get your thick Limey head round our 3 Separated Powers



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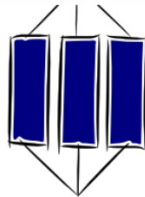


Explain the powers of:

The Executive

The Judiciary

The Legislature



Why is the US system divided into three branches of power?