**POS-301: Principles and Articles of the United States Constitution Worksheet**

**Part I: Principles of the Constitution**

The constitution consists of some primary principles. Briefly explain the following principles and their significance in shaping American government.

* Self-Government:

* Separation of Powers:
* Checks and Balances:

**Part II: Balance of Power**

In the space below, write an analysis of approximately 250 words on how the system of checks and balances in the federal government helps to limit the concentration of power.

* Cite specific examples.
* Defend your rationale.
* Utilize the required readings, academic websites, and the GCU Library as resources for this assignment.

**Part III: The Three Branches of the Federal Government**

Answer the following questions. Each response should be 150-200 words.

1. What are the duties and responsibilities of each branch of the federal government?

Legislative:

Judicial:

Executive:

2. Describe how these three branches are supposed to interact.

3. How effectively do you feel the three branches interact with each other today?

**References:**