

The Republic of Texas Political System

Use the right column to make notes on the similarities.

Political Characteristic	United States	Republic of Texas	What is similar?
Constitution It is a written plan of government	American leaders held a convention to write the U.S. Constitution which was approved by the last of the first thirteen states in 1790.	The Convention which met at Washington-on-the-Brazos wrote the Constitution of 1836, which served throughout the period of the Republic of Texas.	
Bill of Rights This is a set of amendments or an additional list of rights of citizens	The American leaders at the convention added the Bill of Rights to protect the individual rights of U.S. citizens.	The Convention delegates included a Declaration of Rights in the Constitution to protect the rights of Texas citizens.	
Legislative Branch This is part of the government that has representatives and make laws	The Legislative Branch makes laws This branch has representatives that are elected by U.S. citizens.	The Legislative Branch makes laws. It is led by a group of representatives that were elected by Texas citizens.	
Executive Branch This is part of the government is led by an elected president and enforces the laws	The President leads the Executive Branch. The President signs bills into law and is elected by citizens. They are elected for 4 years. The president enforces the laws.	The Executive Branch includes the President. The President is elected by citizens and makes sure the laws are followed. They were elected for 3 years. (The first president was elected for 2 years.)	
Judicial Branch This is part of the government that has judges that interpret laws	The Judicial Branch is made up of the Supreme Court and other courts as determined by the Congress. The Supreme Court determines whether a law is constitutional.	The Judicial Branch was made up of the Supreme Court and other lesser courts as determined by the Congress. The Supreme Court heard only cases on appeal.	
Citizens They can vote for representatives	Citizens who are 18 years of age may vote in an election.	Citizens who are 21 years of age may vote in an election.	