

**SS.7.C.1.7 – Limits on Government Powers**

***Reading: Distinguishing Between Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances***

**Benchmark Clarification 2**: Students will describe and distinguish between the concepts of separation of powers and checks and balances.

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| **Reading Task** | **Response** |
| What ideas are presented in the reading? |  |
| What is the central idea of the reading? |  |
| Select two words or phrases that support the central idea. |  |
| How might this reading connect to your own experience or something you have seen, read, or learned before? |  |
| Describe the concepts of separation of powers and checks and balances. How do they differ? | The concepts of separation of powers and checks and balances are:  These two concepts differ by: |