

Benchmark: 1b

Brief Constructed Response Prompt: What is **federalism**? Use an example to illustrate how the system works.

Possible Response(s): Students may offer a variety of plausible responses.

Federalism refers to division of power between the national, state and local governments. Our federal government is responsible for the welfare of the nation (national defense). The state government is responsible for dealing with citizen on citizen crime. Local government would deal more closely with urban development.

Rubric

2 = This response gives a valid answer with an accurate and relevant example.

1 = This response gives a valid answer with an inaccurate, irrelevant, or no example.

0 = inaccurate or no response