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What Powers Should Be Given to the National and State Governments?

Imagine that the year is 1787. You are one of the delegates at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. You are given the task of drawing up a contract between the states and the national government. Who will you give each power to?

Below is a list of powers that are in dispute. Now you must decide: **Which powers should be given to the states and which powers should be given to the national government?**

Use the following code to label who you think should have each power.

N – Powers only the **NATIONAL** government should have

S – Powers only the **STATES** should have

B – Powers that **BOTH** the national and state governments should have

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| <u>S</u> 1. Grant marriage licenses | <u>S</u> 11. Establish schools |
| <u>N</u> 2. Train and equip an army | <u>N</u> 12. Set up post offices |
| <u>N</u> 3. Regulate trade between states | <u>S</u> 13. Provide police and fire protection |
| <u>B</u> 4. Impose and collect taxes | <u>N</u> 14. Declare war and make peace |
| <u>N</u> 5. Govern the District of Columbia | <u>N</u> 15. Coin money |
| <u>S</u> 6. Raise and support a militia | <u>S</u> 16. Regulate motor vehicles |
| <u>S</u> 7. Conduct elections | <u>B</u> 17. Define crimes and punishments |
| <u>N</u> 8. Regulate immigration | <u>B</u> 18. Build and maintain roads |
| <u>B</u> 9. Provide for the public's health | <u>N</u> 19. Regulate foreign trade |
| <u>S</u> 10. Regulate local businesses | <u>B</u> 20. Enforce laws |