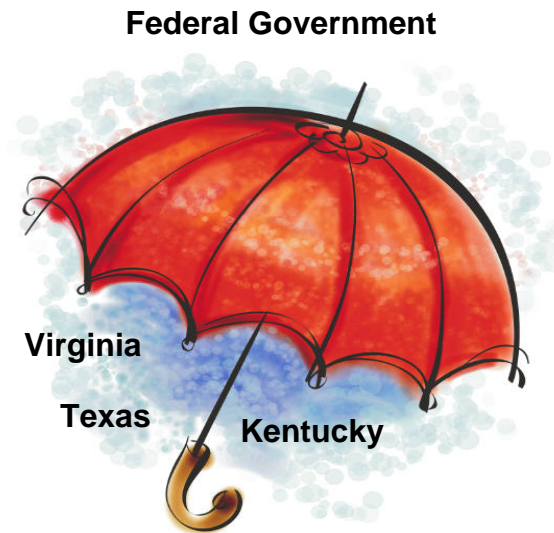


Federalism

Federalism is a theory of government in which the power to govern is shared between the national government and the state governments. The American system of government is built on this model of government. For example, when the states banded together to form the new government, each state gave up its' right to coin money. This was a job designated to the new federal government. By giving up a little independence, under federalism, the states had a larger government that could react to the concerns of all Americans.

You could represent federalism with this picture:



Each state is “covered” by the giant umbrella of the federal government.