## Chapter 1 Section 1 The Federal Government

## As You Read: According to your textbook, what is a **federal government?** Which branch of government is found in Article 1 of the Constitution? What are the two parts of the Congress or legislature? 1. 2. List two **enumerated powers** of the Congress: 1. 2. What is the elastic clause; what powers does it give to Congress? Where are the powers of the executive branch, the presidency, found in the Constitution? What are some of the important jobs of the President? Who is in the **judicial branch** of government? List two reserved powers or jobs that the Constitution gives to the state governments. 1.

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## **Reading and Interpreting Charts**

Look at the chart comparing the Articles of Confederation with the Constitution on page 156 and answer the following questions:

- 2. How many houses did the **legislative branch** have with the Articles of Confederation compared with the Constitution?
- 3. Did the Articles of Confederation have a court system?

1. Who enforces the law under our Constitution?

4. What percentages of members of Congress have to vote for an amendment in the Constitution?

Look at the chart on the Federal System: Division of Powers on page 157 and answer the following questions.

- 1. Which government in our system has the power to declare war?
- 2. Who has the power to establish schools?
- 3. A **concurrent power** is given to both Federal and State Governments. List two concurrent powers:
- 4. Does the federal or the state government establish laws for citizenship?
- 5. Which level of government helped establish Union City's local government?