Tips on using this method: Be sure to leave the space on the right and left margins blank and take notes normally in the center of the page. Later, when you study your notes within 24 hours after the lecture, you fill in the left side and the right side. This method is more time-intensive, so consider if it fits the material you are studying. It may work better with a class with lots of new and complex concepts in which your regular methods don't seem to be enough, or with a class with essay tests.

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Federalism

+ Its Significance

Source of Authority

Unitary Gov't

Example?

Federalism

This is not the way most gov'ts work.

This was NOT in the original plan.

It's the idea of organizing a nation so 2 or more levels of gov't have authority over the same region.

Where do they get authority? from the people via constitution.

A system of shared power between units of gov't.

UNITARY GOV'T

- most other nations
- all power resides in the central gov't

Ex. If the German parliament wants to redistrict or change boundaries, they can.

Can't in US.
Can't eliminate a state, for ex.

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I never realized it was so unusual. I can see how it creates some problems.

power to the people!

But... is it?

This seems a simpler system but it would mean the loss of some of our rights as states.

Hm... which side would I eliminate? Hee hee!

Or... would I make them more evenly distributed in land and population?

But what about our historical sense of state and region?