Ms. Dobbs C&E Unit 3: States Notes

**State Governments**

* Reserved powers: powers held by the states
	+ Establish rules for health, safety, welfare of ppl
		- Ex: marriage, driving, traffic, education
	+ Conduct all elections
	+ control over govts in their boundaries
		- Ex: districts, cities, towns, townships, etc.
		- Local govts get power from the state

**State Government Powers**

* Concurrent powers: powers shared by state and federal govt
	+ Ex: taxation
		- National = federal income tax
		- State = sales tax, income tax, property tax
	+ Ex: making & enforcing laws
		- States have police forces to help

**State Constitutions**

* Each state has own constitution
* Usually contain:
	+ Preamble
	+ Bill of rights
* Longer & more detailed than US Constitution

**Our Federal System**

* States work together & with the federal govt
* States work together: Article 4:
	+ Full faith and credit clause – each state will accept decisions of courts in other states
		- Ex: marriage certificates, birth certificates, wills, contracts
* States work together: Article 4:
	+ Extradition: returning fugitives to the state where the crime was committed
		- A person cannot get away with a crime by fleeing to another state
	+ Inter-state projects
		- Bridges, pollution reduction
		- Ex: Hoover Dam
* States work with the federal government:
	+ Work together to share costs of providing services
		- Ex: build highways, help the unemployed, help ppl with low income, conserve natural resources
	+ Cooperation in times of crisis
		- Ex: natural disasters, 9/11