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