

*COMPARATIVE STUDY
OF THE FEATURES OF
UK AND USA*

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THE USA CONSTITUTION

▣ The USA Constitution adopted on September 17, 1787. This constitution came into force in 1789.

▣ This is worlds first federal system.

- ▣ In 1789 ,13 states adopted this constitution.
- ▣ Now there are 50 states.
- ▣ Oldest Modern Federal States.
- ▣ USA is the first country who add rights in written.

Sources of the American constitution

1)Written Constitution of 1787

2)Judicial Decisions

3)Laws of Congress

4) Convention

5) Formal Amendments

Federal Features of USA

- ▣ Written constitution
- ▣ Rigid constitution
- ▣ Supremacy of the constitution

- ▣ Double citizenship
- ▣ Double constitution
- ▣ Supremacy of the Judiciary

Dual policy

The United States Constitution was groundbreaking in numerous ways, establishing a new government, the likes of which the world had never seen. Indeed, the very features which made it unique have also contributed to its longevity

- ▣ These features also define the framework of American government and politics, establishing the United States of America, its national government and outlining the relationships between that government, the people and the states.

Salient features of the American

- ▣ **Oldest written constitution**
- ▣ **Republican form of government**
- ▣ **A federal system**
- ▣ **Separation of powers**

- ▣ Rule of Law
- ▣ Separation of powers
- ▣ Rigid constitution
- ▣ Presidential form of government

- ▣ **Bi party system**
- ▣ **Dynamic constitution**
- ▣ **Popular Sovereignty**
- ▣ **Representative Democracy**

- ▣ Double citizenship
- ▣ Limited government
- ▣ Dual constitution

- ▣ Bi cameral legislative
- ▣ Bill of rights
- ▣ Checks and balances principles
- ▣ The power of judicial review

Rights of American citizens

- ▣ Right to freedom
- ▣ Right to keep arms
- ▣ Not to post soldiers in houses
- ▣ Right of alleged criminals
- ▣ Right to property

- ▣ Dowry right
- ▣ Equality before law
- ▣ Right to vote
- ▣ Right to vote for women 1920
- ▣ Age of voting is 18

The UK Constitution

- ▣ The United Kingdom does not have one specific constitutional document named as such.
- ▣ "unwritten" or uncodified constitution

- ▣ Since the Glorious Revolution of 1688, the concept of parliamentary sovereignty has been the bedrock of the British legislative constitution, that is, the statutes passed by Parliament are the supreme and final source of law in the UK

- ▣ A. V. Dicey in his 1885 work, *Introduction to the Study of the Law of the Constitution*, which is recognized as a work of authority on the constitution by the British Parliament.

Sources of British Constitution

- ▣ Great Charters and Petition

- ▣ Magna Carta, 1215

- ▣ Petition of Rights, 1628

- ▣ Bill of Rights, 1689

- ▣ Acts of Parliament
- ▣ Judicial Decisions
- ▣ Common Laws
- ▣ Conventions of the Constitution

Unitary Features of UK

- ▣ No separation of powers
- ▣ Single administration
- ▣ Flexible constitution
- ▣ Single citizenship

Salient Features of British Constitution

- ▣ Oldest Constitution
- ▣ Unwritten Constitution
- ▣ Evolved Constitution
- ▣ Flexible Constitution

- ▣ Parliamentary form of government
- ▣ Limited Monarchy
- ▣ Hereditary Monarchy
- ▣ Supremacy of the Parliament

- ▣ Bi Cameral Legislative
- ▣ Unitary form of Government
- ▣ Supreme court
- ▣ Rule of Law

- ▣ Mixed Government
- ▣ Gap between theory and practice
- ▣ Bi-Party system
- ▣ Convention based constitution

- ▣ Child of accident and design
- ▣ Liberal democracy

Rights of the British Citizens

- ▣ Right of personal freedom
- ▣ Right of freedom of speech and expression
- ▣ Right to press
- ▣ Right to religious freedom
- ▣ Right to form political associations

- ▣ Right to vote and contest election
- ▣ Right to hold public office
- ▣ Right to private property
- ▣ Right to work
- ▣ Right to social security

COMPARITIVE STUDY OF UK AND USA

1) The constitution of England is unwritten,
The constitution of USA is written.

2) The constitution of UK is evolved,
The constitution of USA is enacted.

3) In England there is Monarchy,
In America there is Republic.

4) In England there is Unitary form of
government, In America there is Federal
system.

5) In England there is no Separation of powers,

In America there is Separation of powers.

6) In England there is no Judicial review power with judiciary,

In America there is Judicial review power.

7) The constitution of UK is flexible,
The constitution of USA is Rigid.

8) In England there is Parliamentary form
of government , In America there is
Presidential form of government .

9) In England there is supremacy of
Parliament,
In America there is no such thing.