

Chapter 4: Federalism

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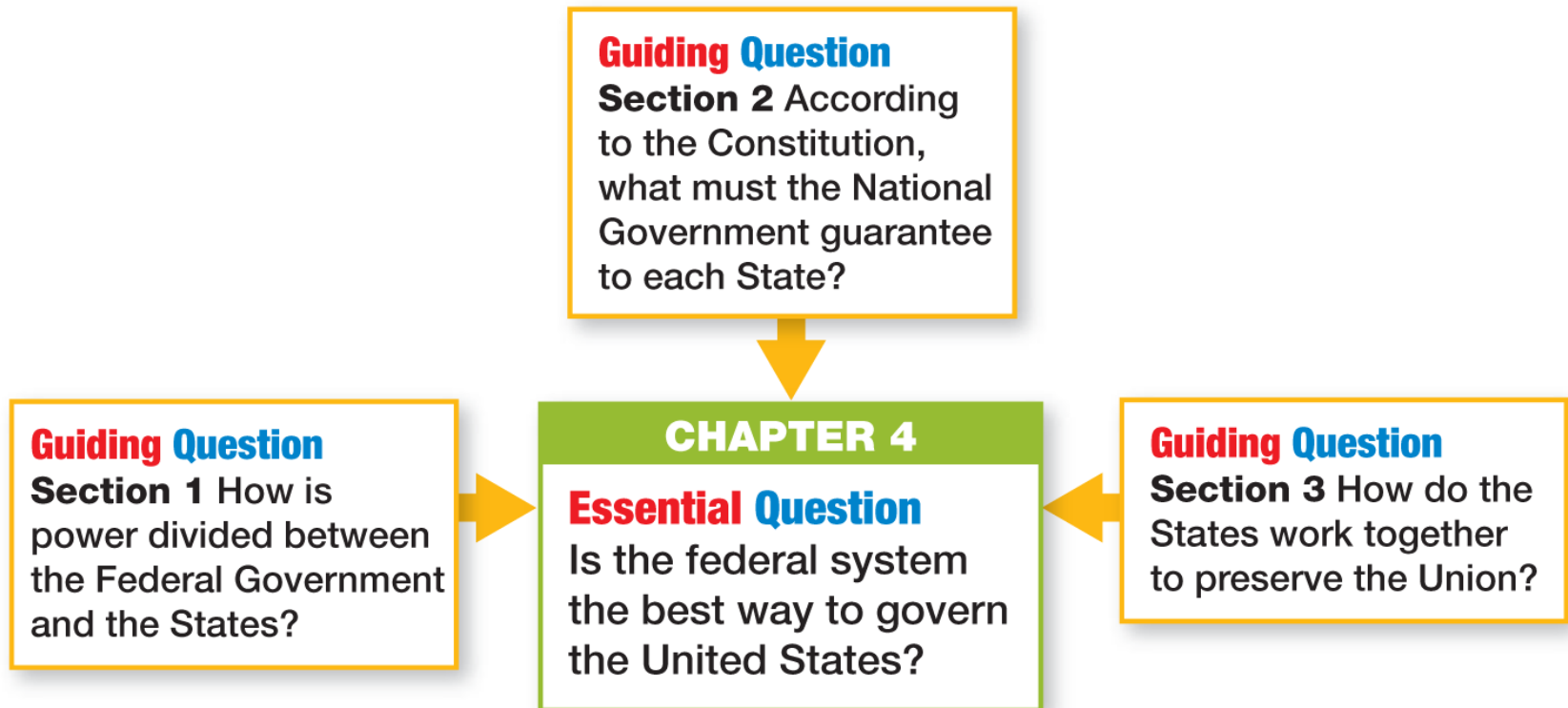
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Photo: President Obama discusses the economy with Virginia Governor Tim Kaine at John Tyler Community College.

► Essential Question

- Is the federal system the best way to govern the United States?



▶ Guiding Questions

- Section 1: Federalism: Powers Divided
 - How is power divided between the Federal Government and the States?
 - Some powers are exclusive to the federal government, some powers are reserved to the States, and other powers are shared by both levels of government.

▶ Guiding Questions

- Section 2: The National Government and the 50 States
 - According to the Constitution, what must the National Government guarantee to each State?
 - A republican form of government, protection from invasion and internal disorder, and respect for territorial integrity.

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- Section 3: Interstate Relations
 - How do the States work together to preserve the Union?
 - State governments make interstate compacts, extradite fugitives, respect the privileges and immunities of residents of other States, and offer full faith and credit to the laws, official records, and court rulings of other States.