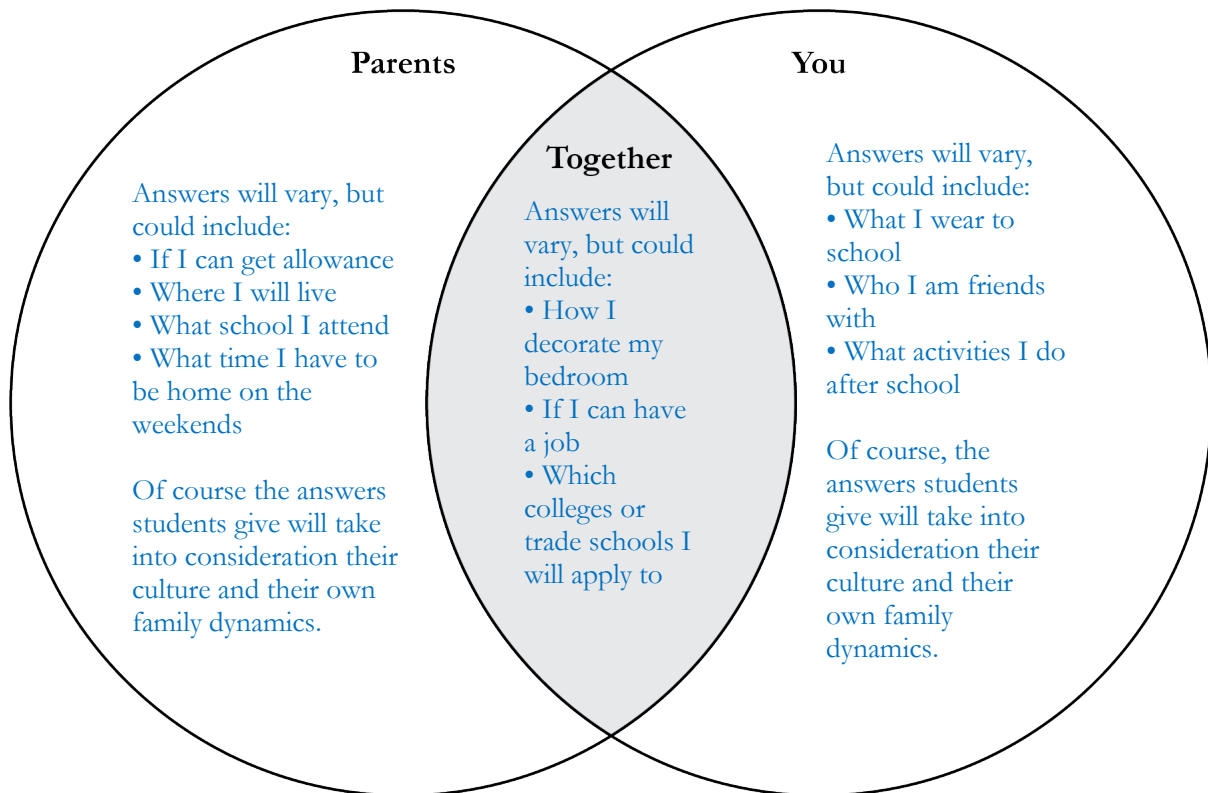


# McCulloch v. Maryland / Who Should Decide?— Answer Key

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**Directions:** Work with a partner to complete the following.

- Think independently about these questions:
  - What decisions do you believe your parents or guardians should make for you?
  - What decisions should you be able to make yourself?
  - What decisions should be made cooperatively (together)?
- Once you have thought through your answers, fill in the Venn Diagram below:



- Discuss your answers with a partner. How did you and your partner decide which decisions should be shared?
- With your partner brainstorm what decisions should be made by local governments, state governments and the federal (national) government. This division of powers and duties is

referred to as **federalism**. What powers and duties should each level of government have in our system of federalism? Complete the table on the next page.

Local Government Decisions	State Government Decisions	Federal Government Decisions
<p>Answers will vary, but could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The budget and curriculum for local public schools</li> <li>• Speed limits and other (local) traffic rules</li> <li>• How local taxes are collected and spent</li> <li>• Rules about where new buildings can be built and other ordinances</li> <li>• What kinds of public services will be available, such as parks, libraries, etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Answers will vary, but could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School attendance and graduation requirements for public school students</li> <li>• Drivers’ license procedures</li> <li>• How state taxes are collected and spent</li> <li>• If and how national guard troops will be used in cases of emergency</li> <li>• How state roads, parks, and other public state lands are protected</li> </ul>	<p>Answers will vary, but could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting national standards for education, including laws to protect students from discrimination and to make sure that schools meet various standards, regardless of the state.</li> <li>• How the money collected from federal taxes will be spent</li> <li>• The national currency and how much of it is made and circulated</li> <li>• Matters of national security and the command of the armed services</li> <li>• Laws and processes for immigration</li> <li>• How national parks and public lands will be used and maintained</li> </ul>

5. Are there powers and duties the levels of government should share? Explain.

Student answers will vary but may include taxing, courts, or making laws.