**The Reason Behind Federalism**

**Mini-Project**

**Due: Sept 23**

As you know, a federalist structure of government allows for many variations of laws. States often have different laws to express their religion, political beliefs, geographic landscape, or culture. To truly understand why the United States functions best as a federal structure, you need to see the variation that this allows.

For this assignment you will need to choose one other state in the United States and use that as a comparison for Michigan. Choose 5 laws that are different in the other state of your choosing than they are in Michigan. Try to vary your laws to include religious, political, and geographical laws. (Hint-Think immigration, speed limits, death penalty, etc…)Not only are you expected to include the difference in the law, but also *why* the law could be different.

In your presentation you also need to include three reasons that we need a federal government in addition to state government which includes why the Articles of Confederation failed.

You will need to present these differences to the class in either a PowerPoint, Prezi, or poster.

**Rubric**

A Contrast in 5 laws between Michigan and other state /10

An explanation of *why* the law is different for each state /5

Good work ethic show /5

Good use of creativity and effort /10

Inclusion of at least 3 pictures or visuals /5

3 reasons why we have a federal government /15

*(Note-If you do not have this rubric to submit with your project it is an automatic -5 points)*