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SPECIAL REPORT: Iraq's New Beginning

Law of the Land

A constitution is the highest law of the land. It sets forth the rights of the people and the powers of the government. For example, the U.S. Constitution gives us freedom of speech and religion. It also divides the responsibility for running the nation among the President, Congress, and the Supreme Court.

In the coming year, Iraq's leaders will write a new,

permanent constitution for their country. In the old Iraq, the government had unlimited power. The Iraqi people did not have the freedom to speak their mind—and women had no freedoms at all. What will the new constitution bring? Complete this activity to outline some of the freedoms and powers you think it should include.

The Iraqi people should have:

1. the freedom to _____
2. the freedom to _____
3. the freedom to _____
4. the freedom to _____

The Iraqi government should have the following parts:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The Iraqi government should have:

1. the power to _____
2. the power to _____
3. the power to _____
4. the power to _____